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Chain Reaction

Dr. Gene Stone

Action was started at the Convention in Denver that should mean great advances in the spiritual life of Young America. Will the glorious inspiration end with echo meetings or will there be a chain reaction set-up that that reach thousands of youth for Christ and the Church?

Outstanding plans for evangelism, citizenship, combatting Communism, seeking to reduce delliquency, leadership training and other efforts have ben made. With the energy, enthusiasm and prayers of youth and their leaders mighty things can be accomplished. Get International's new biennial program, "Forward With Christ," by writing to the Columbus office.

Ordained to Ministry

James A. Huff, Jr., former president of the Tennessee Christian Endeavor Union and vice-president of International Society in charge of the Southern Region, was ordained to the Gospel ministry June 21.

After a successful career as an executive in industry, Rev. Mr. Huff decided to enter the ministry and for the last two years has been a student at the Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Now at the age of 45 Mr. Huff begins another career. He is now serving two churches, Lexington and Sharon Hill Presbyterian, in Indiana. In the fall he will return to Louisville Seminary for another year of work before assuming a full-time pastorate. He was formerly prsident of Rockwood Mills, Rockwood, Tennessee.

COVER Photo by Herman M. Arter

Delegates at the International Convention are shown looking at Christion Endeavor's new theme, "Forward With Christ," displayed at the front of the sanctuary of Central Christian Church, Denver. These youth are (left to right) Rev. Ithiel V. Master, former vice-president, India Christian Endeavor Union; Vernon Hoffman, chairman, Youth Assembly; Stella Paul of Tacoma Park, Maryland; Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, president, Canadian Union, Lionel Amichand, Trinidad; Ann Wheeler, Birmingham, Alabama; Bob Ross, associate president, International Society, and Rev George L. Blackwell, director of youth work, A.M.E. Zion Church.

Howards Visit Bible Lands

Christian Endeavorers of the Bible Lands welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Penn Howard, of Alexandria, Virginia, when they visited there the latter part of June. Mr. and Mrs. Howard are on a World Friendship Tour for Christian Endeavor. The Arabian Christian Endeavor gave a welcome to the Howards as did Christian Endeavorers of the Lebanon-Syria Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard visited Beirut, Damascus, and the sites of Tyre and Sidon. They were present for a reception welcoming Rev. Farid Audeh back to Beirut. Dr. Audeh had been in America. He now heads the Supreme Council of Protestants in Syria and Lebanon. He was a delegate to the World's Christian Endeavor Union Convention in Budapest in 1937.

The Howards will spend some time in Kandy, Ceylon, on their World Friendship mission. Work in Ceylon will be under the supervision of Rev. James Mather, former president of the Christian Endeavor Union of Ceylon.

Dr. Bryan Plans Australian Trip

President Ernest R. Bryan of International Society, will be a speaker at the National Convention of Christian Endeavor of Australia in October.

On the tour Dr. Bryan will also speak at Christian Endeavor meetings in Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji Islands and Hawaii. Mrs. Bryan will accompany him. The Bryans expect to be away six weeks returning the middle of November.

To Teach In Germany

Lois Bos of Muskegon, Michigan, former Christian Citizenship superintendent of the Michigan Union, is preparing to go to Germany in the fall where she will teach in one of the schools of the United States Army.

For Your Information

Ernest S. Marks, formerly director of public relations of International Society, is now assistant to the minister of the Outer Drive United Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan.

We extend our love and sympathy to the relatives and friends of *Rev. Don Klinger,* minister of Hillsdale Evangelical United Brethren Church, Kokomo, Indiana, and leader in the state Christian Endeavor, who passed away July 4.

Observe "Christian Endeavor World" Sunday, October 25.

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Forward With Christ

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DR. POLING CHALLENGES OFFICERS — The president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union is shown as he installed the leaders of the International Society at the Denver Convention. They are (left to right) Maxine Bond, vice-president. Central Region; Rev. Earle W. Gates, Executive Committee; B. McClain Cochran, Executive Committee; Charles O. Heyward, Executive Committee; Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president; Mrs. Joseph Holton Jones, vice-president; Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president; Bob Ross, associate president; Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary; Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary; Julian Moran, vice-president; Ralph E. May, vice-president, Rocky Mountain Region, and Alden E. Imus, vice-president, Middle Atlantic Region.

Endeavorers Launch New Program . . .

"Forward With Christ!"

Youth heard the challenge. They responded and have set out on a new program "for Christ and the Church."

Endeavorers meeting at the 42nd International Christian Endeavor Convention in Denver, Colorado, June 22-27 adopted as the biennial theme for the movement "Forward With Christ" and have gone throughout North America with new enthusiasm to accomplish goals in evangelism, citizenship, leadership training, and world friendship.

"Young people are increasingly alert and increasingly concerned with the problems of the day," Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president, told the delegates to the gathering in the Mile High City. "They are seeking a solution for world peace and the world's economic and social problems. I don't know that we have ever had a generation at any time that was more alert to current problems and more serious-minded about finding a solution for them. The big chore is in proper guidance. We need more people in the churches to help and guide youth."

Dr. Bryan in his keynote address told of the great possibilities of work in the hundreds of institutions throughout the United States.

Youth at Denver Convention Pledge Support for Greater Efforts in Evangelism and Citizenship

Duke W. Dunbar, attorney general of Colorado, representing Governor Dan Thornton, and Herbert Forsythe, chief of police of Denver, representing Mayor Quigg Newton, gave addresses of welcome on the opening night.

A most unusual and thrilling part of the convention was the musical night in the beautiful Red Rocks Amphitheater near Denver Tuesday.

More than 4,500 sat in the open air to hear Dorothy Maynor, soprano, and Todd Duncan, baritone, give a recital accompanied by the Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra directed by Will Schwartz. These world-famous artists thrilled the audience especially with the beautiful rendering by Dorothy Maynor of "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" and the singing of the spirituals "Let Us Break Bread Together" and "My Good Lord's Done Been Here" by Todd Duncan.

"Speak Up for Christ"

Dr. Louis H. Evans, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, Wednesday evening challenged the youth to "speak up for Christ."

"In accepting Christ, you have a right to look at the fine print and examine the terms of the contract," Dr. Evans told the large audience in the Central Presbyterian Church. "When you embrace Christ you should understand your obligations and your goals."

"We must choose between Bibles and bombs, between preaching and punching," Dr. Evans continued. "Your fathers were crazy bankers. They spent more on research in one year to develop a cooling system for a jet plane than they spent for Christianizing the whole world."

Dr. Evans, who was speaking for the sixth time at an International Christian Endeavor convention, stated that Christians have gotten into the habit of "flipping quarters at God" while Communism is "flooding the world with its propaganda."

Many Make Decisions

A decision service was held with 49 persons recording commitments. Ten were first decisions for Christ, 14 for life service, and 25 reconsecrations.

Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland was presented International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation at a great Christian citizenship session Thursday in City Auditorium.

Governor McKeldin in his address on Christian citizenship thrilled his audience as he said that "faith is caught, not taught," and challenged youth to be faithful witnesses of Christ.

"As long as there is enough to live for, you will have enough to live on," the Governor stated.

Mr. McKeldin, who is the superintendent of a Sunday school in Baltimore, told the story that on a visit to

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Dr. Ernest R. Bryan Chosen for Third Term as President — Bob Ross Elected Associate Leader

GOVERNOR McKELDIN HONORED — Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, presents International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation to the chief executive of the state of Maryland. Mrs. Joseph H. Jones, former recipient, and Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of International Society, look on approvingly.

BROADCASTING THE STORY — Matt McEniry of the st Radio Station KLZ, Denver, conducts a panel discussion (left to right) William Earl Martin, chairman, Denver co tion; Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary, International So and Margaret Wood, executive secretary, Denver conve on the youth gathering and work of Christian Endeavor. than a score of radio and television programs were ma connection with the Denver sessions.

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West Point he observed the flags of the 48 states and commented that the one from Maryland was incorrectly displayed as there should be a cross on the end of the staff instead of a spear. He said that at his request this had been changed. The Governor went on to say, "The world will not be saved by spears, but by the cross."

The presentation was made by Dr. Daniel A. Poling and Mrs. Joseph H. Jones, previous recipients of the award.

Citation for Governor

The Citation reads as follows:

"Christian Endeavor counts it a high privilege to honor the Governor of the State of Maryland, a crusader for justice, good government and righteousness. Governor McKeldin by his Christian vision and zeal has inspired and helped thousands to more abundant living. He has brought a new spirit of fellowship to the many races and religions of Maryland and has pleaded the case for tolerance. With passion and courage he has proclaimed and stood by his Christian convictions regardless of consequences to himself. With effectiveness he has championed the cause of the unfortunate, has preached and practiced the Gospel, and has given leadership in the spiritual training of youth and children.

"This award is an expression of the high esteem the leaders of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the World's Christian Endeavor Union hold for Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin whose life is a demonstration of the type of Christian citizenship we would place before the youth of North America and the world as an example."

Governor Dan Thornton of Colorado gave a welcoming address to the youth.

A great fellowship banquet was held in the Shirley-Savoy Hotel Friday with Arch J. McQuilkin as toastmaster. Addresses on "Forward With Christ" were given by Mahlon Hetrick of Washington, D. C.; Vernon Hoffman of Kalamazoo, Michigan; and Ann S. Fulton of Richmond, Virginia.

Dr. Poling Speaks

The president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, gave the message at the closing session Saturday.

From The President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 19, 1953

Dear Dr. Poling:
I am happy to send my greetings to all those attending the Forty-second International Convention of the Christian Endeavor movement.

I understand that young people from all the States of the Union, from every province of Canada and from many of the other nations in the free world will participate in this year's convention, and I am very happy to learn that during the course of the convention my good friend Governor McKeldin of Maryland will receive the movement's Distinguished Service Award.

My best wishes go to all taking part in this significant effort to promote church loyalty, Christian citizenship and world friendship.

Sincerely,

/s/ DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

The Reverend Daniel A. Poling, D. D.
President
The World's Christian Endeavor Union
Denver, Colorado

"There can be no reconciliation between God-believing and anti-God peoples, between Communism and 'In God We Trust' nations," Dr. Poling declared.

"Geographically speaking this is one world," Dr. Poling advised. "We all live somehow in our neighbor's backyard. We cannot get away from each other. This is a divided and a sub-divided world, a world in all its parts set against each other. We must do something about this other world, or we shall die . . . die at our own hands."

Following the message a call was given to young people for full-time service with many responding.

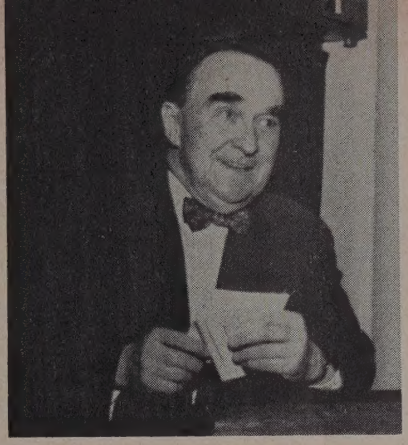
Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, program chairman for the convention, spoke at the first two Quiet Hours, using for his theme the first day the words of Peter, "Lord, I have left all," and on the second morning the saying of Jesus, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Dr. Daniel A. Poling addressed two Quiet Hours on the themes, "Minimum for the Maximum" and "Come and See." A Communion Service was held Saturday morning in the Central Christian Church with Dr. Kelly O'Neall, pastor of that church, presiding.

Registrations Exceed 2,400

More than 2,400 registered for the convention at Denver. Pennsylvania and Ontario led in their respective divisions in the registration contest conducted by the International Society. Top honors in Division A went to the Keystone State with Bernice Harnish as registrar. Second place in Division A went to the District of Columbia. Other awards in that division follow: Golden Rule, third; Wisconsin, fourth; New Jersey, fifth.

—Rocky Mountain News Photo

E-HALF CENTURY LATER — Mrs. Jessie B. rtin, 82, of Freeport, Illinois, shows her husband, lliam V., 77, the official badge she wore at the ristian Endeavor convention in Denver, 1903. e Martins, who were on their honeymoon in 3, enthusiastically celebrated the fiftieth an- ersary of their honeymoon trip at the 42nd vention.



PERSUASION POLING STYLE —The vigorous head of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, puts over a point as he addresses the closing session of the convention.

TOP HONORS FOR KEYSTONE STATE — Harold E. Westerhoff presents award to B. McClain Cochran, field secretary of Pennsylvania State, for winning first place in Division A of the convention registration contest.

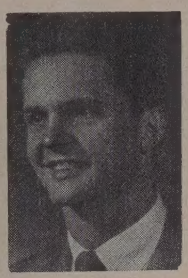
A special registrar's award of $25 was given Mary Campbell who was registrar for Ontario Union which took highest honors in Division B. North Carolina won second honors with Alabama third. Hawaii and Oregon tied four fourth place.

Banners were given to the first five winners in each division. The presentation was made by Harold E. Westerhoff, director of the contest, at the convention banquet. States marched in the parade according to the way they finished in the contest.

First Reformed Church of Denver took the highest honors in the registration contest in the Denver area. Second place went to Montclair Reformed with Garden Home Reformed third and Highland Christian fourth. The order for the others in the first ten follows: Central Christian, fifth; Highland Park Presbyterian, sixth; Hillside Presbyterian, seventh; East Side Christian, eighth; Lakewood Christian and West Side Christian, tie for ninth. Melvin "Bud" Redeker was director of the contest in the Denver area.

Youth Assembly

Vernon Hoffman of Kalamazoo, Michigan, was elected as the new chairman of the Youth Assembly. He has been a member of the trustees of the Youth Assembly and has been active in work in his state. Vernon succeeds Richard Pruiksma of Clifton, New Jersey.



Vernon Hoffman

Other new officers include Alick Kennedy of Hoboken, New Jersey, vice-chairman, and Ann S. Fulton, Richmond, Virginia, secretary. Those chosen to be trustees of the Assembly are: Alan M. Ankerbrandt, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; Robert F. Hildreth, Columbus, Ohio; Betty Ann Hughes, Edinburg, Texas; Helen Scott, Washington, D.C.; J. B. Shelton, Wichita, Kansas; Carolyn Smith, Danville, Illinois; and Jackie Williams, Columbia, Kentucky.

Sessions of the Assembly were held each morning. B. McClain Cochran served as advisor to the group.

Delegates Go to "School"

Twenty-six different conferences on basic principles and methods of youth work were presented each morning in the headquarters church, Central Christian, the Y.M.C.A., and the Central Presbyterian Church. Many varied activities took place in the morning assembly at which Arch J. McQuilkin presided.

Viroqua Nodolf was in charge of the Junior Workers' Section which met daily. A Junior Convention was held Saturday afternoon in First United Presbyterian Church.

Clayton K. Brace was the convention song leader with David Glismann, formerly singer with Fred Waring, as chairman for the Music Committee. Choirs that rendered special music at the evening sessions were from the following churches: Central Presbyterian, First Baptist, Montclair Presbyterian, Trinity Methodist, and Central Christian.

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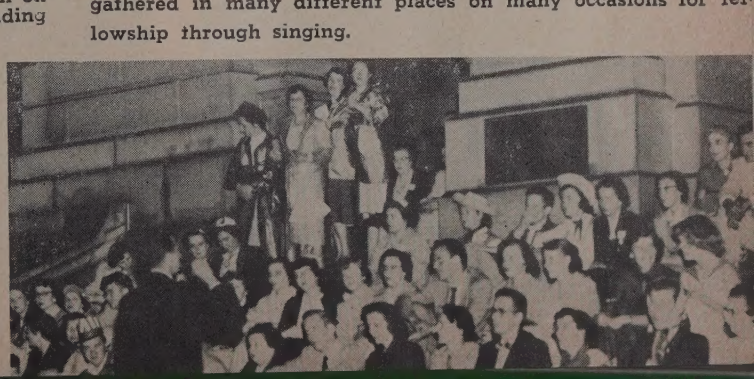
USIC UNDER THE STARS — An outstanding feature of the vention was the musical night Tuesday in the beautiful Red cks Amphitheater near Denver when 4,500 persons heard oists Dorothy Maynor and Todd Duncan accompanied by the t Collins Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra is shown on stage with Will Schwartz leading. Miss Maynor is standing the left of picture.

A SINGING CONVENTION — A group of delegates are shown on the steps of the Capitol of Colorado engaged in one of the extra-curricular hymn sings following an evening session. Youth gathered in many different places on many occasions for fellowship through singing.



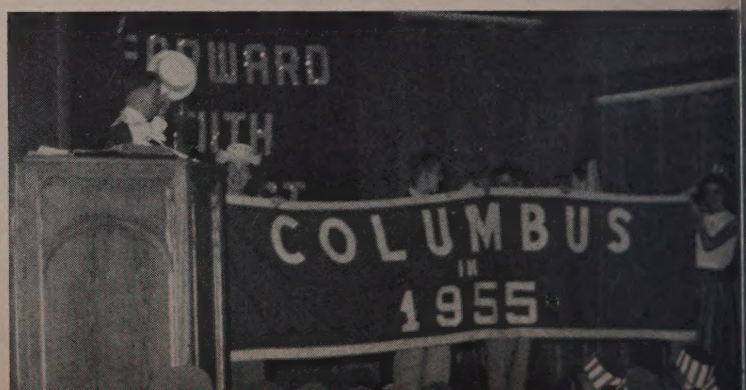
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP — More than 600 Endeavorers enjoyed the banquet program of the convention in the Shirley-Savoy Hotel. Seated at top table (left to right) are Mahlon Hetrick, president, D. C. Union; Janette Udd, president, Denver Union; James Manning, Youth Assembly; Ann S. Fulton, secretary, Youth Assembly; Bob Ross, associate president, International Society; Arch J. McQuilkin, toastmaster; Kathryne Stevens, representing the Denver Christian Youth Council; Vernon Hoffman, chairman, Youth Assembly; Gladys Wong, Hawaiian Christian Endeavor Union; Al Day, Canadian Christian Endeavor leader; Saul Tijerina, delegate from Mexico; Alick Kennedy, vice-chairman, Youth Assembly. Those seated at lower table (left to right) are Mrs. William Earl Martin, Denver, Colorado; Walter T. Nomura, president, Territory of Hawaii Union; Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, program chairman, Denver Convention; Virginia Hughes, chairman, Banquet Committee; Rev. Ithiel V. Master, former vice-president, India Union; Mrs. Joseph H. Jones, vice-president, International Society; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president, World's Christian Endeavor Union; William Earl Martin, chairman, Denver Convention; and Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, Washington, D. C.

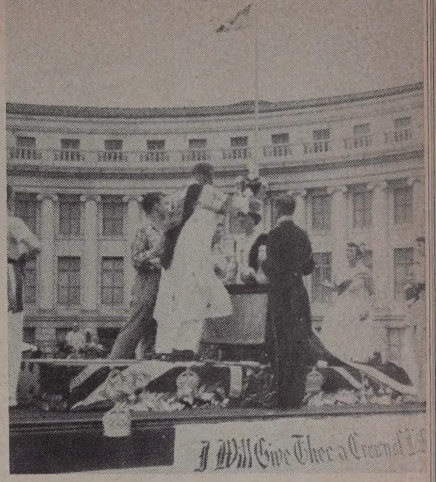
CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PRESENTED (above) — Dr. Gene Stone presents certificates to top winners in the Christian Citizenship contest. Those pictured are (left to right) Dortha Tillman, Denver, Colorado, first award; Ann S. Fulton, Richmond, Virginia, second award; and Doris Rigney, Nyssa, Oregon, third award. Dr. Ernest R. Bryan watches proceedings. Miss Rigney also won honors through "The Lookout" magazine and was their convention guest.

THAT DISPLAY IN THE WINDOW — More than a dozen stores and transportation companies in Denver featured Christian Endeavor. Hundreds of posters were in windows and were shown on trolleys and buses.

INFORMATION FROM INDIA (above) Rev. Ithiel V. Master, former vice-president of India Union, tells of Christian Endeavor activities of his country. Shown (left to right) are Dr. Ernest R. Bryan; Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, member, Junior Work Committee; Mr. Master, and Warren G. Hoopes, general secretary, Pennsylvania Union.

HOISTING THE BANNER (below) — Ohio Endeavorers climb on the band wagon and start registering delegates for the next convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio, June 11-16, 1955, following vote to have the next International sessions in the Buckeye Capital.





Youth On The March

PENNSYLVANIA IN FRONT (upper left) — Heading the parading Endeavorers was the delegation from the Keystone State who took top honors in Division A of the registration contest. In the background at the left is the Denver City Hall.

ONTARIO TAKES HIGHEST HONORS (upper right) — Youth from Canada walked off with first prize in the out-of-state section for a gorgeous float depicting the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II. Virginia took second place with Michigan third.

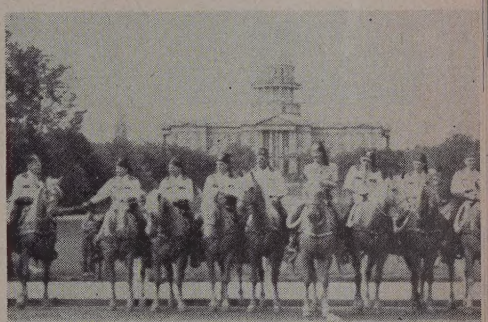
READY TO GO (right) — Shown here is a portion of the mounted patrol of palomino horses of El Jebel Shrine which led the parade. The Capitol of Colorado is in the background.

COSTUMED FOR THE OCCASION (right) — Girls from the delegation of Virginia Belles pose with Christian Endeavor leaders. Pictured (left to right) are William Earl Martin, chairman, Denver Convention; Alice Goodman, president, Virginia Union; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president, World's Union; Rosa L. Williams, Petersburg, Va., and Ralph E. May, president, Colorado Union.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE (right) — One of Christian Endeavor's outdoor posters brought message to viewers of parade.

HERE COME THE JUNIORS (lower left) — Part of the grand delegation of Junior Endeavorers is shown nearing the reviewing stand.

FOR A BETTER WORLD (lower left) — The float of South Broadway Christian Church, Denver, was given first place among local entries. Second honors went to First United Presbyterian and third to Central Christian.



Conference Faculty at Denver Convention

Members of the faculty for the daily "school" at the International Christian Endeavor sessions are shown as follow
First row (left to right) — Carl F. Herrmann, B. McClain Cochran, Rev. Charles E. F. Howe, Arch J. McQuilkin, Re Ithiel V. Master, Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur.
Second row (left to right) — Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, Harold E. Westerhoff, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Mrs. Daniel A. Polin Mrs. Alice A. Griffin, Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Margaret Paugh, Viroqua Nodolf.
Third row (left to right) — Phyllis I. Rike, Mrs. Carl F. Herrmann, Rev. Clair E. Beatty, Charles O. Heywar Russell S. Gowdey, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Rev. Jerry A. Moore, Rev. Earle W. Gates, Charles S. Drain, Jr., Rev. George L Blackwell, Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, Dr. Gene Stone.

ENDEAVORERS LAUNCH NEW PROGRAM

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Youth in Colorful Parade

A colorful Youth Witness Parade was staged Saturday afternoon on the streets of downtown Denver. The El Jebel Shriners headed the parade which consisted of more than 25 floats, several bands, and marching units from some thirty states and Canada.

One of the Denver newspapers made this statement, "The parade was so long that the head of it reached Civic Center with two blocks of floats still waiting for the signal to start."

Delegates from almost all states of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Hawaii, England, New Zealand, Trinidad, and India attended the convention.

Two delegates from Hawaii were Gladys Wong of Honolulu and Walter T. Nomura of Honolulu, president of the Territory of Hawaii Christian Endeavor Union. Those from outside of the United States included Rev. Ithiel V. Master of India; Lionel Amichand, Trinidad; Margaret Buxton of England; Rosemary Hare of New Zealand, and Saul Tijerina of Mexico.

The youth came by all means of transportation. A fellowship tour was conducted by International Society. A special tour was also sponsored by the Great Lakes Region.

The society outside of Denver having the most number of youth attending was the one from the Palisades Community Church, Washington, D. C. The pastor, Rev. Nelson C. Pierce, was present with 14 from his congregation.

It was "Denver or bust" for a quartet of youth from New Jersey. Christian Tirre, Spencer Higgins, Bob McShane, and Alick Kennedy set out for Denver in a 1941 automobile. The motor quit while the youth were on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Although the boys had to sell the car for junk, they did not give up but pooled their money and went on to Denver by bus. One of the greatest hardships, according to the Jersey delegates, was handling their nine suitcases from bus to bus.

DENVER PICTURES

Most of the pictures of the Denver Convention in this issue were taken by Bill McEachern of Philadelphia, Pa., and Herman M. Arter of Hanover, Pa.

Many special breakfasts, banquets, and dinner meetings were held. Denominational luncheons were conducted Wednesday with meetings of state unions Thursday.

Lois B. Ludowic, vice-president of the New York Christian Endeavor Union, supervised publicity at the convention. "The Protestant Herald," a magazin for Denver churches edited by A. Valentine, put out a special Christia Endeavor convention issue.

Be It Resolved . .

Christian Endeavorers went on re ord by resolutions stating that "W are convinced that young people toda desire a full and purposeful life an since we believe Jesus Christ is the onl leader who will not disappoint th world in its search for reality, this cor vention therefore adopts as the them for the next biennium in all the wor and departments of Christian Endea or 'Forward With Christ.'"

Youth at the convention voted reso lutions concerning Christian citizen ship, evangelism, leadership educatio statehood for Hawaii, commitment t total abstinence, leadership against lic uor and the liquor traffic, and effor to help undergird the work of the Uni ed Nations.

Mrs. Edwin T. Rickman was chai man of the Resolutions Committe which included Rev. J. Wesley Siebert Rev. George L. Blackwell, Ann S. Ful ton, Walter Nomura, Jacob H. Tige laar, and Dr. Gene Stone.

Resolutions passed by the conventio included the following statements:

Practice Pledge

"We are convinced Christian En deavorers must daily demonstrate th

Seek More Action To Curb Delinquency

FELLOWSHIP TOUR — Members of the International Christian Endeavor travel party are shown in Yellowstone Park. The group which left Philadelphia, Pa., June 19, visited many interesting places enroute to Denver and following the convention, returning to the Quaker City July 6. The tour was managed by J. Allen Tucker, conductor, and Harold E. Westerhoff, director of the Travel Department of International Society.

strength of their personal conviction of Christ's message as the positive program for men and nations, and that the practice of the Christian Endeavor pledge offers a safeguard and defense for individuals and society.

Christian Citizenship

"As we continue our Crusade for Christian Citizenship we pledge our minds and hearts to help our respective nations make a contribution to an ordered world. We call upon the members of our movement to undergird the efforts of the United Nations to effect a just and lasting peace, and to bring about a reconciliation among the nations of the world in the spirit and name of Jesus Christ.

Help For Underpriviledged

"Realizing that fellow Christians in war torn lands and underprivileged peoples and undernourished children in distressed nations have a claim on our resources as well as our prayers, we commend to all our members the support of legitimate agencies to help alleviate these tragic conditions, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Leadership Training

"Whereas Christian Endeavor, from the beginning of the movement, has had as a purpose and program the training of young people for service in the Church of Christ, we accept the challenge of our president, Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, and go forward from this convention to project a vital program of Leadership Education throughout all the phases and departments of Christian Endeavor.

Total Abstinence

"Whereas Christian Endeavor has always given aggressive leadership in the agencies that would outlaw the liquor traffic and other social evils, we would again commit ourselves to practice total abstinence.

Battle Booze

"Since the misuse of narcotics and beverage alcohol continues to present a major social and moral problem leading to delinquency in all of its varied forms, we urge all Christian Endeavorers to actively encourage immediate legislation to eliminate these evils and that we encourage our societies to conduct an aggressive program of education concerning these evils."

Columbus, Ohio, in 1955

Columbus, Ohio, was selected for the next convention to be held July 11-16, 1955.

Speeches of invitation to come to Ohio were given by Robert F. Hildreth, representing the Ohio Union; June Forrester, president of the Franklin County (Ohio) Union; Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur, general secretary, Ohio Union; and Alvin W. La Faivre, representing Deshler-Hilton Hotel.

Dr. Bryan Re-elected

The Board of Trustees of International Society elected Dr. Ernest R. Bryan to his third term as president. Dr. Bryan succeeded Dr. Daniel A. Poling as head of the International Society in 1949.

Dr. Gene Stone was chosen to serve again as general secretary and Harold E. Westerhoff was re-elected as treasurer and administrative secretary.

Bob Ross was made associate president succeeding LaVerne H. Boss of Michigan. Mr. Ross, who is a minister of the Church of Christ, has been serving as director of youth work of St. Johns Christian Church of Portland, Oregon. He was chosen president of Oregon Christian Endeavor Union in May but has resigned that post as he will enter Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana, in September to do graduate work.

Bob Ross was runner-up in the contest conducted in 1950 by THE LOOKOUT magazine to determine "Mr. Christian Endeavor of North America."

Vice-Presidents

Vice-presidents elected were Albert Arend of Spokane, Washington; Mrs. Joseph Holton Jones of Wilmington, Delaware; Dr. Clyde W. Meadows of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; Rev. Jerry A. Moore of Washington, D. C.; and Julian Moran of Leroy, Indiana.

Those chosen to serve as vice-presidents of International Society in charge of regions are as follows: Herman Decker, North Atlantic; Alden E. Imus, Middle Atlantic; Warren M. Thrailkill, Southern; Rev. Elwood Dunn, Great

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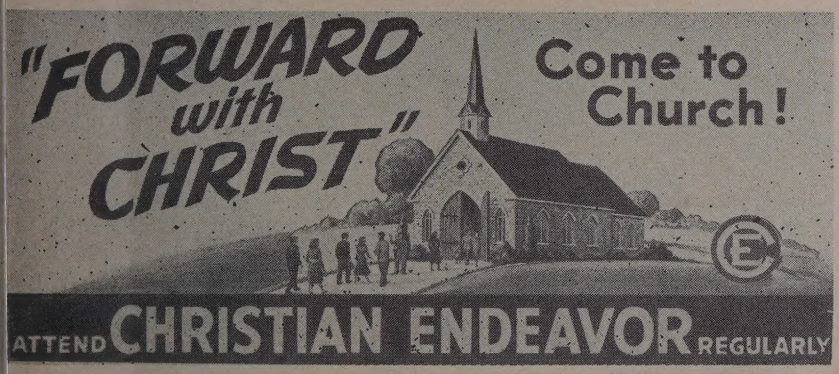
Millions To Learn Theme Via New Poster



"Forward With Christ" features the new outdoor poster of Christian Endeavor which will be shown along streets and highways of the country in connection with the organization's birthday in 1954. The campaign has already been started under the leadership of Harold E. Westerhoff for local and state unions to organize for the promotion and distribution of the new, beautiful four-color poster. These are placed each year in hundreds of communities through the cooperation of individual poster plant owners who are members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc.

ENDEAVORERS LAUNCH NEW PROGRAM

(Continued from page 9, col. 3.)

Lakes; Maxine E. Bond, Central; Ralph E. May, Rocky Mountain; J. C. Estes, Southwestern; Mrs. Reba C. Rickman, Pacific; and Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, Dominion of Canada.

Those elected to the Executive Committee are as follows:

Albert Arend, Spokane, Washington; Eduard Baruch, Danbury, Connecticut; Allan J. Blair, Passaic, New Jersey; Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, Washington, D. C.; B. McClain Cochran, West Grove, Pennsylvania; Dr. Harold M. Dudley, Bethesda, Maryland; Rev. Elwood Dunn, Detroit, Michigan; Rev. Earle W. Gates, Derby, New York; Charles O. Heyward, Washington, D. C.; Vernon Hoffman, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Norman Klauder, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; H. Lewis Mathewson, San Francisco, California; Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; Dr. Frederick L. Mintel, Rahway, New Jersey; Rev. Jerry A. Moore, Washington, D. C.; Julian Moran, Leroy, Indiana; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, New York, New York; Bob Ross, Portland, Oregon; Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, Chesley, Ontario, Canada; Merritt L. Smith, Washington, D. C.; and Carroll M. Wright, New York, New York.

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More news and pictures of the convention in Denver will appear in the next issue of "The World."

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"FATHER OF THE YEAR"

Robert S. Hildreth, former president of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union,

Robert Hildreth

was named "Father of the Year" for Columbus, Ohio, by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hildreth, who was chairman of the committee for the Ohio convention in June, is the father of nine children and recently became a grandfather. Robert F. Hildreth, Mr. Hildreth's oldest son, officially gave the invitation for the next convention to be in Columbus, Ohio, in the International Christian Endeavor meetings in Denver. Mr. Hildreth is an elder of the West Second Avenue Presbyterian Church.

"The Christian Endeavor World" is packed full of helps for your society. Make sure all of the leaders are subscribers.

Dr. Bryan Receives Degree

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president, International Society, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from American University, Washington, D. C., June 14. President Hurst R. Anderson (right) of American University is shown making the presentation.

"Forward With Christ" Title of Book by Dr. Bryan

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, is the author of a new book entitled "Forward With Christ."

The opening chapter of this volume gives a portion of the address which Dr. Bryan presented as the keynoter of the 42nd International Convention in Denver. The Introduction has been written by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Copies of "Forward With Christ" can be secured for $1.25 through International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

A VALUABLE "TOOL"

All builders need good tools.

If you are trying to build a more effective Christian Endeavor society you must have "helps."

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Plan now to observe CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD DAY on Sunday, October 25.

The month of October has been designated as Protestant Church Press Month and therefore will be a good time to promote the pioneer Protestant youth publication.

Write today to Harold E. Westerhoff, Publisher, The Christian Endeavor World, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio, for information and sample copies.

C. E. Conventions And Conferences

August
- 1-6—Alabama, Oak Mountain Park (Senior Camp)
- 6-8—Alabama, Oak Mountain Park (Junior Camp)
- 10-15—Pennsylvania, Grove City College, Grove City (Summer Assembly)
- 13-16—Illinois, Lewistown
- 22-29—Ontario, Geneva Park (Summer School)
- 30-September 2—Wisconsin, Green Lake

September
- 4-7—District of Columbia, Camp Penn, Pennsylvania (Conference)
- 4-7—Indiana, Camp Mack (Workshop)
- 5-7—Michigan, Waldenwoods (Retreat)
- 11-13—Ohio, Camp Muskingum (Conference)
- 18-20—Maryland, Goucher College, Towson

October
- 8-10—New Jersey, Atlantic City
- 10-12—Ontario, Kitchener
- 31-November 1—Great Lakes Region, Gary, Indiana

Rev. O. W. Glassburn Directs Work of Ohio Friends

Rev. Owen W. Glassburn is the new Christian Endeavor field evangelist of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church with headquarters at Damascus, Ohio.

Rev. Glassburn

Mr. Glassburn is serving the Christian Endeavor societies of the Yearly Meeting which has churches located in eleven states.

Besides their own activities the Endeavorers of the Ohio Yearly Meeting have been supporting Dr. and Mrs. Everrett Cattell as missionaries in India since 1934. Mr. Cattell is at present head of the Evangelical Association of India. Mrs. Cattell is the author of the missionary book, "Till Break of Dawn."

The Friends will operate three Christian Endeavor conferences this year in Iowa, West Virginia, and Virginia. Rev. Howard Moore of Beloit, Ohio, is president of the union with Rev. Claude Mosther, Sebring, Ohio, as vice-president. Rev. John Williams of Adrian, Michigan, is editor of *"THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR BUGLE."*

NEW PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Folders presenting the new Biennial Theme of Christian Endeavor, "Forward With Christ," are now available. These are entitled, "A Vital Program For Youth," and may be secured free for individuals. In large quantities they are $1.00 for 100. Write International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

C. E. Capitol Nears Completion

New Headquarters Expected Ready For Occupancy September 1 - Endeavorers Responding To Call For United Advance

Christian Endeavor's Capitol is nearing completion.

It is expected that the physical moving of Christian Endeavor Headquarters to the new building will take place September 1 or shortly thereafter. The architect and contractor have given Christian Endeavor officials the word that the date of September 1 will be the time for the finishing of the project.

The new structure is part of the United Advance which continues to go forward.

Hundreds have responded to the challenge to share in the "new day" for Christian Endeavor as they have contributed to the campaign to secure $112,000 for the expansion work.

An early report shows that more than $75,000 has been secured through the sale of the present Headquarters building and gifts of individuals.

Allan J. Blair, chairman of the United Advance, has expressed gratitude for those who have already graciously donated money in the form of "bricks" for the erection of the new structure in Columbus and for many other Christian Endeavor projects.

Cornerstone Is Placed

Cornerstone laying ceremonies were conducted Saturday, June 13, at 4 P. M. at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

THE ADVANCE — ITS OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Christian Endeavor's United Advance are as follows:

- Provide a new functional-type headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.
- Help in constructing a new headquarters in India.
- Completely liquidate mortgages on Columbus properties.
- Extend World Union projects in Japan and other countries.
- Help continue the Crusade for Christian Citizenship.
- Produce an expanded line of books and other literature.
- Extend Christian Endeavor's World Friendship Crusade.
- Enlarge the service of the International Society.

Addresses were made by Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of the International Society, and Dr. David W. Witte, executive secretary of the Columbus Area Council of Churches. Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary, presided. The invocation was given by Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur, general secretary of Ohio Christian Endeavor Union. Those participating in the ceremony of the cornerstone laying included Dr. Bryan; Dr. Witte; Dr. Stone; Rev. Mr. Arthur; Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary, International Society of Christian Endeavor; Rev. Robert M. DeMass, president, Ohio Christian Endeavor Union; June Forrester, president, Franklin County Christian Endeavor Union; Fayne F. Freshwater, architect, and John J. Burgbacher, contractor.

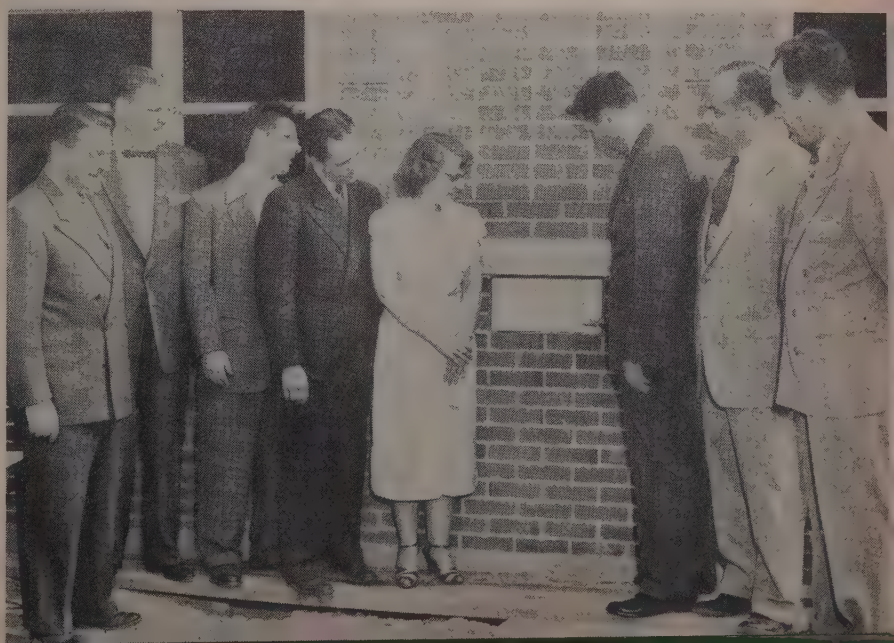
A number of individuals and state groups are considering memorials and the possibilities of furnishing rooms in the new building.

Dedication Set For December 6

The date of Sunday, December 6, has been set for the dedication. Carroll M. Wright, former executive secretary of International Society of Christian Endeavor, is head of the committee that has made plans for the new modern building.

The dedication will be during the time of the annual meetings of the Program Council of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference which will be conducted at the Hotel Fort Hayes and the Headquarters Building in Columbus December 4-7.

Individuals, societies and unions desirous of sharing in the United Advance may send contributions in care of The United Advance, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.



LAYING THE CORNERSTONE—Those who took part in the ceremonies at the new Headquarters building, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, June 13, are as follows: (left to right) Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary of the International Society; Dr. David W. Witte, executive secretary of the Columbus Area Council of Churches; the Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur, general secretary of the Ohio C. E. Union; the Rev. Robert M. DeMass, president of the Ohio C. E. Union; June Forrester, president of the Franklin County C. E. Union; Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of the International Society; Harold Westerhoff, administrative secretary of the International Society and Fayne F. Freshwater, architect.

—Photograph by Charles Stokes

Let's Travel!

Young Adult Workshop

SUPPOSE your are 25 years old. In the years of your birth, 1928, there were 21 million passenger automobiles and about 3 million other motor vehicles in registered use in the United States. The figures have more than doubled in 25 years.

Mileage has increased even more. Motor fuel gallonage is three times that of 1928, in spite of the added efficiency of engines and transmissions, and the 4,000-miles-a-year driver of 25 years ago thinks nothing of 12,000 to 15,000 miles of driving in a year.

Along some routes, serving the motoring public has become a major industry. We can think of some towns in which half the families house or feed tourists or operate motels or service stations.

The airlines have developed a tremendous long-trip business, helped by special rates for families and on flights begun on certain days of the week. At one's destination, whether travel is by bus, train or plane, car-rental services stand ready to put us on four wheels once again. This business, fast growing and progressive, is another indication of America's taste for going places.

Christian Endeavor members of all ages are travel minded. For many years the International Convention, like the 1953 event in Denver, have afforded opportunities for seeing America. The more infrequent World Conventions have introduced many among us to scenes, events and Christian Endeavor comradeship in far away countries.

When we of Christian Endeavor travel we experience some privileges which are special and outstanding among the thrills of being far from home.

A Summertime Ministry

At ten western National Parks this summer, student ministers are serving visitors and park-staff members, under the auspices of the National Council of Churches. On a typical Sunday a total of forty worship services are conducted.

The religious activities in these National Parks also include Bible study groups, daily vacation Bible schools, choirs, and pastoral interviews.

1. We worship along the way.

Our personal devotional customs go along with us — and we find new inspiration in a sunrise at Grand Canyon and the cloud banks above the North Atlantic and along the ways of India, Egypt and the Holy Land. We attend public worship services and Christian Endeavor gatherings in unfamiliar but satisfying surroundings here, there and yonder. Sunday is one of the brightest days in Christian Endeavor journeys.

2. We grasp the significance of our surroundings.

If you travel under Christian Endeavor auspices, you know what you are seeing and why it is significant to a group of young Christians. If yours is unguided touring, you have done some research of your own and have learned from others what visits to make, what things to look for. Ministers and teachers are often well equipped to prepare the prospective traveler for rich experiences.

3. We meet hosts of new friends.

Homes, churches, recreation centers, schools and hospitals are open to us and we are warmly welcomed. We leave the main routes of touring, not so much to view the picturesque as to meet the people having similar tastes and interests and loyalties. The returned Christian Endeavor traveler spreads out a new list of names and addresses, representing the persons who for years will make France, Japan, Hawaii, Utah and British Columbia come alive in his thoughts and in his prayers.

4. We realize that Christ and His Church are beyond distance and time, above nation and race.

The traveler will be conscious of secularism and pagan ways, of the depth and scope of sin and human wastefulness — but he will have joy in the realization that the Bible and the Faith have gone even farther into the distant places than airplane routes and travelers' checks. The sacrificial life of missionaries and their flocks, the great works done with so little in facilities and funds, the fervent devotion of humble families and the congregations of wayside chapels will throw new light on the great worth and dignity of Christian effort around the world. The needs will be more apparent, the holy purposes of God more evident, as we meet more people in more places around our globe.

5. We are given treasured opportunities to testify of our Savior.

The world wants to hear from the faithful younger Christians of North America. And the people back home will gladly receive the messages we bring back from a distant state or a country overseas where we shared in Christian activities.

Do not suppose that it is only the one experiencing a two-to-six-weeks trip who gains knowledge and inspiration from travel. Why, your group's joint meeting with another unit of young Christian adults in a location twenty miles away will be of real benefit to all who share in it, as hosts or visitors. You have ready means to communicate with the group you'd like to visit, and plenty of powered wheels to take you there. On two gallons of gas you and four or five others — plus some other carful in the caravan — may enjoy fellowship with many another like-minded group.

Summertime is a good season for seeking out the member who moved out of town and would enjoy a call by half a dozen or more of the old crowd . . . for helping make ready the facilities of your church or denominational camp at a beautiful spot an hour's drive distant . . . for remembering the older folks, once active in your congregation but now living on a farm or in a small town or in a home for aged persons.

You can take along gifts — not expensive — on some of these visits, but even if you don't, your presence will mean much to many on whom you may call or whom you will serve in some thoughtful way.

Whether you plan a long trip or a quickie . . . let's travel!

-- Bert H. Davis

Via The Eye And Ear

New Ways For New Days

Plans For The Year Should Include The Best Use of the Best Tools

By Amy Deck Faust

It is a pity that we who travel by car, train, and jet planes too often teach by "horse and buggy" methods.

We make use of electricity and atomic research, yet often communicate the vital "Word of Life" in only the earliest way known to mankind. This is not only contrary to good judgment, but it also is setting aside the lessons learned through several centuries of history. God put it into the heart of Paul to travel all over the known world by the best methods known in his day—ships. God also put it into the heart of Luther, Calvin, and other church fathers to use the printing press. Shall we revert back hundreds of years and only talk?

Three Aims

As we lay plans for the work of the coming year we should remember that in every meeting we want to do one or more of the following: (1) Inspire; (2) Inform, and (3) Instruct.

While to inform and to instruct may sometimes be quite similar it usually happens that information takes the form of facts while instruction takes the form of techniques or methods.

There are a number of up-to-date tools available for use in all methods of communication. It is possible to inspire, inform, and instruct with printed, and other non-projected materials, and with various types of projected aids. The following paragraphs are by way of guidance in starting off this year's work.

Labor Day Sunday begins the fall meetings with a consideration of personal work, or vocation. This thinking is in keeping with the day, and also with the approach to preparation for the year ahead and for the years of life. While there are many fine speakers available for such a meeting it is often better to use a film, filmstrip, book, or trip to put across this topic. Several speakers could do it, especially if each uses a different method of communication. For example, a trip could be made to the site of work of one speaker, while another uses a book, a flannelgraph, a film, filmstrip, or slide to show his vocation. An opque projector could show pictures of the work of another, or a poster or display chart could be used. A few projected aids are:

Strange Interview

A 16 mm. sond film, 55 minutes. It can be borrowed from General Motors Corporation, Department of Public Relations, Film Distribution Section, 3044 West Grand Boulevard, Deroit 2, Michigan. Although secular and showing problems of labor-management by flashback to Franklin's day it can be used as the basis of a study of Christian business practices.

Machine—Master or Slave

A 16 mm., sound, black and white, 14 minutes, rents for $3 from the Religious Film Asociation outlets in various denominational boards. (Filmed in depression. Costumes out of date.) From the same sources can be rented for $10 a 16 mm., black and white, 35 minute, sound film, *The Talents,* which is a modern day application of Christ's Parable. A puppet film, same title, directly on the parable, can be rented in black and white for $5 and in color for $7.50. It runs 13½ minutes and may be used with permission on TV.

The Society for Visual Education, Chicago, Illinois, has produced filmstrips, *Look at the Missionary* and *Look at the Ministry.* Both are in black and white, 50 frames, and *sell* for $3. Some denominational boards own them and might rent them for less. The missionary one is out-of-date with respect to China, and both scripts need careful use, but they may be made to serve. (Even the Christopher film *You Can Change the World,* could serve.)

Slides on Your Activities

If someone, during the summer, takes kodachrome slides of the work of various society members, and the plans for church and society work in the coming year, you can develop your own audio-visual program for September. An opaque projector may be used and photographs, maps, charts, newspaper clippings, cartoons, and magazine titles can instruct and inform the group.

The main purpose of the meetings in September is to help the planners and "deciders" to get the year's program and life's vocational program across to the "doers." This means that they must be inspired as well as informed and instructed. Because of the personal and local content of these programs why not consider putting out a small sum to buy film, tape, or flannelgraph and make your own program? This takes a small sum for supplies, but lots of work and imagination. An investment here, however, will bring rich rewards.

When Using Aids

Remember the following when using any aids:

1. Know the limitations, as well as advantages, of this medium.
2. Know the mechanics and be prepared for all known emergencies.
3. Order and plan well in advance, then practice and pre-view.
4. Set up well in advance and check on material, method, equipment.
5. Never forget private prayer for God's use of the tool and public prayer for all who are to benefit from its use.

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How Can I Enjoy My Work?

Matthew 20:8-16; John 5:13-17

— SEPTEMBER 6 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its sucess by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This topic is purposely placed here in order to coincide with the Labor Day week end. The leader must keep this in mind. During the meeting bring out the point that work is not to be dreaded but enjoyed as much as possible. It would be interesting to have a blackboard available so that all the types of work that can be thought of could be listed. Perhaps going back over the list and checking them as to whether they are labor, professional, or commercial would be helpful. This meeting can also give the members suggestions in regard to their life work; discouraging or encouraging certain fields. Look for the enjoyment possible in the various types of work.

Aim of The Topic

1. To point out that there can be enjoyment in work.

2. To discover how to find this enjoyment.

Choose Wisely

As Labor Day week end is considered, minds at once turn to one's life work. Now is the best time for young people to begin to make preparations for their life work. No doubt, each one is now taking subjects in college or high school which will aid in this choice. If never before, time should be taken now to examine one's self to see if the qualifications necessary for this choice are present. What about the temperature, physical characteristics, the weather conditions where this work will most likely be? If one prefers the out-of-doors, try to satisfy that liking. If heat or humidity are distasteful, or damaging to health, perhaps a wiser selection could be made. Boys who can't stand a stiff collar and tie might not be entirely happy in a "white collar job."

Scripture Lessons

M., Aug. 31. Christ's Labor. John 9:4.
T., Sept. 1. Abundant Labor. I Cor. 15: 58.
W., Sept. 2. Commendable Labor. Prov. 31:20.
T., Sept. 3. Rest for Labor. Matt. 11:28.
F., Sept. 4. Motivated Labor John 6:27.
S., Sept. 5. Cooperative Labor. Phil. 4: 3.
Sun., Sept. 6. Topic—How Can I Enjoy My Work? Matt. 20:8-16; John 5:13-17.

Each one should put himself to these and many other tests when choosing a life work. What about the working conditions, the pay, the opportunity to be helpful? Seek happiness. Some people are naturally equipped for certain work, where on the other hand, another kind would be a tremendous effort.

What about the work you are doing or expect to do? Think of the things that do not appear to be enjoyable. What can be done to change this? Where does the fault lie? One should be more or less naturally equipped, or at least, not naturally *un*-equipped. Education should not lead up to one's work and stop, but should continue while working. Look for the good in this job. Maybe the hours are short, allowing more time with loved ones. This should be an advantage. Maybe the work takes one to the country, or to the city, which is a healthy, or at least different atmosphere. Perhaps the present work gives training for a later, more desirable work. The job might be hard and disliked in many ways, but because it brings relief, comfort, or help to some one it may be a happy work.

Put Christ In Your Work

No matter what one's work may be, Christ can share it. Young people today should plan now how Christ can have an active part in their work. Often the saying "Christ is the head of this home" is displayed on the walls of homes. It would be well to have a similar saying, "Christ is my employer," alongside the laborer's bench, the professional's desk, the office wall, or the housewife's stove.

In Philippians 4:11, it reads, "—for I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." No matter where one finds himself engaged in work, if he has sought God's guidance in acquiring this particular work he should be content and satisfied. Along that same thought, one should always attempt to better himself, but be content, until that opportunity comes.

John 5:17 says "—my Father worketh hitherto, and I work." Jesus Christ carried on the work of His Heavenly Father, and has left the remaining work for those who follow Him. Anyone who helps carry on this work will find it enjoyable. Whatever the work, be content, include Christ, and serve Him in that work.

Seek Satisfaction

Everyone likes to do things where progress can be seen. Work is fun when something is accomplished. Many who work on an assembly line are bored and unhappy as they never see the finished product, but only the particular portion they work on.

Some would only be satisfied with a huge paycheck, no matter how hard or how boring the work. Others would be satisfied with any pay, however small, if they were helping some one or some cause. Seek a work that brings satisfaction.

A SEED THOUGHT

"If you cannot be Christian in your work, there is either something wrong with your religion or your work."

Learn As You Work

Work that does not teach the worker something is hum-drum, and is only work. To keep life interesting, one should continually learn new things, whether they be new methods, new people, new places, or new attitudes. To be happy in one's work, one should do all he can to be of help to others. There is great satisfaction in doing something helpful for someone else. If nothing else is learned, learn to be helpful. Work should be an education, ever changing and advancing.

Live

It is not necessary that work give large homes, new cars, and the many luxuries some think they cannot live without. Some folks who live in one or two rooms, have an old car, or none, and appear to "struggle" to keep alive are often the happiest. Folks can enjoy their work by enjoying the one or ones with whom they share this work. Perhaps the job is most difficult or calls for long hours, or is undesirable in some other way, but because it brings a livelihood to loved ones, it can be an enjoyable work. In this day a great many people build their own homes. This is not an easy task, but because it shows progress, teaches new things, and is helping loved ones, it becomes enjoyable. Do not merely "exist" in the work that is yours, but "live."

Can I Enjoy MY Work?

Is one person any different than another? No, not when it comes to the question of "Can *I* Enjoy *My* Work?" Anyone can if he tries. Self-examination is necessary. Of course, the right work is necessary, also.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. What do you expect your life work to be?

2. What is there about this work that COULD be enjoyable? Not enjoyable?

3. Name some tests that should be put to work before choosing it.

4. Why should we try to make our work enjoyable?

5. How can putting Christ in our work help make it enjoyable?

6. What are the possibilities in your job to be of service to your fellowman? To your Christ?

7. How can I enjoy MY work?

I Will Earn My Living

I Corcinthians 3:9-14; Ephesians 4:28

Intermediate

— SEPTEMBER 6 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aims

1. To see work as a blessing.
2. To find our place in the world of work.
3. To look at organized labor today.

Work Has Its Blessings

Why do men work? One can well suppose that the average person's answer would be that man works in order that he can earn money wherewith to "keep body and soul together" and obtain for himself the best advantages of life.

John Oxenham, who wrote the book, "The Hidden Years," in a very beautiful way presents Jesus as one who worked because he loved to do so. No task was too difficult for Jesus. Read this book! Its author shows how Jesus took pride in showing many of the things that he made. Our one great trouble today is that we constantly emphasize work in terms of money. We have the mind of Lot in Sodom when we might well attain the mind of Abraham. Lot was constantly saying, "What do I get out of it?" while Abraham was willing to ask, "How much can I put into it?"

Think carefully over every value in your life that you count worthwhile. How did you attain it? Were not most of these values obtained by following a pursuit which did not bring in an especial financial return? Keep in mind that work at its best will be creative. Work at its best will build up our physical bodies and give unto every one a strength of mind.

The Example of Jesus

Jesus was a carpenter. He labored with His hands and earned His bread by the sweat of His face. Jesus had very practical work in mind when He said: "My Father worketh—and I work." John 5:17. He demonstrated once and for all that work is not a curse. It is a blessing. That is true of all physical and intellectual effort that is directed to worthy ends. God Himself exemplified labor in Creation and in the continued works of Providence. Jesus also exemplified work, and through the labor of His hands, has placed upon labor the divine dignity. We recognize the fact that we fit into this scheme of labor. Paul had the strongest words of reproach for idleness. "If they will not work, neither let them eat." Man has a responsibility to society as well as to himself in the work he does. An honest day's labor for a fair return is the ideal.

PROJECTS AND QUESTIONS

1. Interview an employer and get his view on the problems of industry and labor.
2. Would you say that a Christian can do any type of work?
3. Compare the progress of the early settlers of America and that of our present day.

TEACH ME THE THRILL OF WORK

by P. R. Hayward

(A Young Person's Prayer)

God of Growth and Change, open my eyes to see the ceaseless labor going on in thy universe.

Show me the sweeping movements of the stars, the unending throb of atoms, the ceaseless pulsing of cells.

Enable me to sense the joyous and constant activity of ants and bees, of birds and beasts, of small children, and of great men and women.

Grant me wisdom to see that this constant round of effort is a part of thyself and of thy plan.

Fling me then, my Lord, into the unfinished work of thy world.

Teach me the thrill of stretched and pliant muscles.

Guide me into the joys of the active and creative mind.

Let me find my deepest joy in resolute acts of will.

May I stand rejoicing beside the anvil of labor.

Use me in building thy better world.

In the name of him who said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." Amen.

Courtesy "Builders."

Distinguished Men Are Hard Workers

When we read of the lives of distinguished men we find them always outstanding for the amount of labor they could perform. Demosthenes, Julius Caesar, Henry the Fourth of France, Lord Bacon, Sir Isaac Newton, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Napoleon, different as they were in their intellectual and moral qualities, were hard workers. We read how many days they could support the fatigues of a long march, how early they rose, how late they watched, how many hours they spent in the field, in the cabinet, in the court, climaxed by how hard they worked.

Let no young person flatter himself that he can succeed in any undertaking, or rise to eminence in any employment without patient toil and persevering labor. Determination is the parent of stick-to-it-iveness and the child of endurance in these hectic days. Hard work is a blessing. Do not shirk but live the American way of life and labor.

A Christian's Attitude Toward Work

(1) *A Christian is first of all a producer.* The sheer joy of accomplishment is in his marrow. No longer does he get his support from his parents. He is no longer a parasite.

(2) *Secondly, he labors at honest work.* Nothing irks him more than to see others shirk their responsibility. Nor is he satisfied in doing shoddy work. But primarily, he cannot be induced to lower his ideals and work at destructive work. He may have to shun a better paying job working for some brewery or tobacco company. Many times he will count the cost when he considers that his friends are "shining the boots" of the government and the city officials in order to advance their salaries.

(3) *A Christian also shares the proceeds of his hire.* As a Christian he is a steward. God gave him his health, his home, and his Christian attitudes. Out of the abundance of his blessings he shares with those less fortunate. Consider Ephesians 4:28 as a Christian's attitude toward work.

We Look at Organized Labor

Labor in America is coming to realize that long hours and low wages are not an economic necessity in the industries in which men toil. It has organized in order that labor may collectively bargain with its employers for a more adequate wage, or, if need be, even to compel such a wage. Thus organized labor has become a weapon of self-defense for the laboring man in a competitive economic system which by its very nature tends to exploit labor. Labor Day is an annual reminder to our nation that labor has a respectable cause to promote. As a weapon of self-defense organized labor received standing in the eyes of the law. In general it has the moral support of the Christian Church.

In a world of plenty those through whose toil that plenty is produced are entitled to a just living. They should have the right to organize to protect their rights. But when you give a boy a gun that he may protect himself against robbers you want to make sure of three things. He should know how to use a gun, lest he do harm to himself. Care should be taken that the lad does not become a robber himself. He should ever be encouraged to help create a community in which there will be no robbers.

Three things are preventing organized labor today from making its greatest contribution toward achieving economic justice. First of all, there is frequent racketeering practiced by labor leaders. Too often labor unions are being organized and exploited by supposed labor leaders for their personal gain rather than in the interest of the workers.

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Help From The Bible

M., Aug. 31. Christ's Labor. John 9:4.
T., Sept. 1. Labor for Christ Not in Vain. I Cor. 15:58.
W., Sept. 2. Labor Commended. Prov. 31:19,20.
T., Sept. 3. Labor Rewarded. Matt. 20:8-15.
F., Sept. 4. Exhortations to Labor. II Thess. 3:7-13.
S., Sept. 5. Cooperative Labor. Phil. 4: 3.
Sun., Sept. 6. Topic—"I Will Earn My Living." I Cor. 3:9-14; Eph. 4:28.

Senior-Young People

— SEPTEMBER 13 —

The Kickoff

(Fall Planning Meeting)

Ephesians 4:11-16

Comments by Earle W. Gates

From God's Word

M., Sept. 7. Organizing for Work. Neh. 4:17-20.
T., Sept. 8. Strive to Attain. Phil. 2:12-16.
W., Sept. 9. A Fruitful Decision. Ruth 1:14-18.
T., Sept. 10. A Worthy Intention. Psalm 116:12-14.
F., Sept. 11. A Noble Commission. Matt. 10:5-15.
S., Sept. 12. Each to His Task. I Cor. 12: 27-31.
Sun., Sept. 13. Topic—The Kick-Off Eph. 4:11-16. (Fall Planning Meeting)

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

The chief purpose of this meeting is to give a good start, a husky "kickoff" to the Fall Program. Many societies stop meeting entirely during the summer months. The more active societies meet, but not as often or regularly, and in out-of-door or special type meetings. At any rate, the Sunday after Labor Day they all strive to start off with a "bang-up" meeting. This topic is designed to aid in the beginning of this new year.

In order to make a success of this meeting, attractive notices should be sent to those who have been regular in the past and to those who should be attending. Have something special, whether it be the final wiener roast or out-of-door supper of the season, or the first indoor meeting with a supper, or some other more original idea.

Aim of The Topic

To help officers, leaders, and members to realize that each has a responsibility and loyalty to share with their society.

How Organize?

Some Christian Endeavor meetings are only "meetings." The young people do meet together, and this is about all. If the local society has been so operated, it's time for a change. Some groups get together, begin their meeting by singing, reading Scripture, brief prayer, bury their heads in the topic material, answer a few questions very briefly, sing a hymn, and go home.

Groups that have had meetings such as the one described should plan today to have a leaders' training course. Have your minister or some local, state, or other Christian Endeavor leader come and teach how a meeting should be run. No one, however talented, can lead a *good* meeting by being handed the material, or by beginning to prepare the meeting on Saturday night or Sunday afternoon. A good meeting takes days or weeks, conceivably even months, to be looking for proper illustrations, reading sufficient Scripture, and praying enough for a successful meeting. A well-conducted Sunday devotional meeting will attract young people. One that is operated in a hap-hazard way, will cause the members to drift away gradually.

Christian Endeavor societies that have a well-planned and well-conducted devotional meeting, and nothing more, will not have complete success either. Young people enjoy being together in fellowship and recreation. The best place for them to have this is at church. The most likely group to sponsor this type of fellowship is the youth group itself. The Christian Endeavor society needs a well-balanced program of worship, recreation, and service. Some young people will be won to the church by the social activities; others will be won by the spiritual experiences. All will find comfort and joy in a proper diet containing some of each.

How Choose Officers?

This is the usual season of the year that new officers are elected in order to begin everything new at once. These officers are important and each one has its own specific task or tasks. To be successful, each officer should do his own job well. Christian Endeavor has adopted the officer plan in order to train Christian leaders. These trained leaders are valuable in the church in future years if they have properly learned and practiced their tasks as young people.

If an officer has done his job well in the past year, use him again, if so desired. Perhaps he is just getting into the swing of things and will be more valuable another year. On the other hand, if there is another member who seems capable and loyal, he might be chosen, and the former officer should not resent this. Possibly, he has helped the new candidate by his own work and example. But the out-going officer should have an important work to do, and not be "placed on a shelf" because he was used once.

Officers are never to be either chosen or discarded because of their looks, their popularity, their family's financial status, their clothes, or their homes. Christ is no respecter of persons, and He so trains us. Whether or not a member lives in "shanty town" or on "the avenue," wears hand-me-down clothes, or the latest thing; has a pleasing face, or a homely one; has an empty purse, or a full one; or whether he be an outstanding character or a humble being; each one is equally capable of serving Christ and sharing His work. Before choosing these important officers, be in prayer, and follow God's leading.

How Choose Committeemen?

Committees have important work. A society could not be operated fully with just officers. Committees aren't the place you throw all other members in order to give them a "name." Members receive their best training as committee workers, by learning to work with others; perhaps even taking orders from the chairman is a new experience and a much needed one. Christian Endeavor has the four committee plan chiefly, which consists of: Devotional (or Worship, or Prayer Meeting), Lookout (or Membership), Missionary (or Service), and Recreation (or Social) Committees. The members should be placed according to their individual interests and abilities. It is sometimes wise to place some where they have no interest that they might develop it. It can be done.

In brief, these are their duties. The Devotional, Prayer Meeting, or Program Committee (whichever name is used) is as important as the president. This committee secures all the leaders of the Sunday evening meetings, gives them the material one to three months before their meeting, and *trains them to lead the meetings.*

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A SEED THOUGHT

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy—" and vice versa.

DISCUSS

1. Why are officers necessary in a youth group?

2. Is one office more important than another? If so, which one, and why?

3. Is one committee more important than another? If so, which, and why?

4. What office or committee appeals most to you?

5. If you had that office, what would be the first thing you'd do? Why?

6. Discuss the duties and responsibilities of each of the following:

a.) President
b.) Vice President
c.) Secretary
d.) Treasurer
e.) Devotional Committee
f.) Lookout Committee
g.) Missionary Committee
h.) Recreation Committee
i.) The Counsellor

7. How has the meeting helped your society have a good "kickoff" for the Fall program?

8. Review the literature and materials used by your group. Are they adequate?

The Kickoff

(Fall Planning Meeting)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 16:8, 9

Intermediate

— SEPTEMBER 13 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

ur Aims

1. To understand the purpose of the iurch's youth program.
2. To help formulate society plans r the new church year.
3. To be a "ready team to carry the all to the goal" for victory for Christ nd the church.

n Preparation

Circulate a questionnaire among all the outh in your Christian Endeavor. Ask iem:

What is the purpose of our Christian Endeavor?

What things about Christian Endeavor have been most helpful to you? Why?

What things about Christian Endeavor don't you like? How can they be improved?

If possible have these filled out and urned in at a previous meeting. Go over hem and tabulate the most frequent nswers and suggestions. Put these tabulations on a blackboard so that everyone can ee them the night of the meeting.

Go to your pastor and three other leaders in your church, including the Sunday chool superintendent, and ask them to ist ways in which they feel the youth of he church can serve the rest of the church r your own community. Put these on the lackboard, too.

Devotional Part

The devotional part of the meeting should be short but worshipful. Use hymns like "More Like the Master" and "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee." In presenting the scripture tell a little about what a 'kickoff' means to a football team and game—and then read the two passages mentioned as our scripture. For the prayer period ask three members of the group to offer sentence prayers for the Christian Endeavor and for the church.

Purpose of the Discussion

As you begin the discussion make sure you have clearly in mind what you are trying to accomplish through it. Out of this discussion there should grow

. . . a clearer understanding of what we have a Christian Endeavor for.

. . . an honest picture of your own Christian Endeavor.

. . . many ideas for making your Christian Endeavor serve youth and your church better.

Explain this purpose to the group as you begin the discussion. Then carry out the discussion along the following outline. And remember that in a real discussion you try to get everyone to express himself or herself.

You and C. E.

The place every society has to start is with people. That's you. What kind of a member are you? You might use each letter of Christian Endeavor and choose one word to depict members for each letter. Try this acrostic. It will be fun.

Your C. E. Purpose

Start on this part of the discussion by looking at the answers that each person has given to the question, "What is the purpose of our Christian Endeavor?" (which you have written on the blackboard). These will probably include suggestions like:

. . . to learn about the Christian life.

. . . to have fun.

. . . to win others to Christ.

. . . to serve our church and our community.

. . . to learn to know and live with other Christian youth.

Your group will probably suggest many more purposes than these. After you have them all listed then work out a statement of purpose for your Christian Endeavor.

The Next Nine Months Program

Now either have the Executive Committee of your society report on plans for the future — or dig in and plan these in a session that puts down dates, events and leaders. Talk about your relationship to the denominational youth program. to state unions and the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Now ask the group to suggest ways in which youth can serve the whole church. Serving in the total program of the church will make your society and your church stronger.

"We Would Be Strong to Dare, to Do . . ."

Led by the counselor, the group may think of some important things that need to be done together and decide upon the doing of them. As they face some of the worthwhile things they hope to accomplish in their total program they will no doubt mention "having parties"; "getting better acquainted with each other"; "knowing our community better"; "learning about friends in other lands"; "keeping up with the news." and such things. (If they do not begin thinking readily about such things, the counselor should have some questions to stimulate their consideration. such as: "Some groups plan ————. Would we be interested?")

In this period of drawing out the group remember this outline:

1. *We must feel a need.* We seldom think unless there is some need or difficulty facing us.

2. *We must see clearly what the situation really is.* This is like the doctor's examination when he is trying to find out what ails somebody. We must secure the facts which will help us get a clear picture of the problem.

3. *We must examine all the possible ways of solving our problem.* What have others done in similar situations? What other ways can we think of which might be used? How is each of these various suggestions likely to turn out if carried through?

It will be seen that at this point there may be the need for reading and study, or for investigating committees, or for speakers who are informed in the particular field under consideration.

4. *We must make a choice of one of the solutions.* To reach this choice we must decide which solution will come nearest to the standards we believe in. Since we are using Christian standards we shall often need to learn about what Christians have taught and done to discover what standards do apply in our case.

Many of our meetings give us this help in worship services and through information.

5. *We will work out ways of making our choice effective.* There is no use making a choice unless it is put into action. In fact, if we select one choice and do nothing about it, we are actually making another choice. For the choice which we actually make is revealed by what we actually do. Hence we need to plan our course of action and carry out the steps as planned.

Frequently, worship helps us to put our plans into action.

6. *We need to check up on the results to see how we have been doing.* This is essential to guarantee that we make progress in meeting the need with which we started.

Conclusion

Meditation:

There was an Englishman, once, who wanted to be a great explorer; so he set sail in his ship and journeyed many a fortnight over high seas. At last, landing on the shore of an amazingly beautiful land he looked with wonder at the grassy meadows and crystal lakes and overtopping hills. He had made a great discovery! He was *seeing* his own homeland for the first time!

As we think and plan and go places together in our group during the coming months, perhaps we shall be seeing old things anew, as well as new things. We shall not be satisfied with less than real truth. We shall sometimes need to look deeper into problems and ideas than we have yet looked, in order to find truth.

Prayer-Thought:

May we be quick to learn
And eager to be taught.
And may Thy spirit lead us into all truth.

Bible Rations

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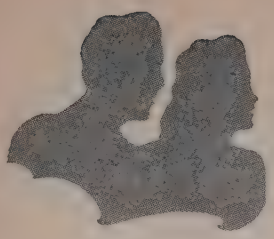

Senior-Young People

— SEPTEMBER 20 —

Over The Goal Post

Philippians 3:1-16

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This meeting follows well the one of last week. If there has been a good "kick-off," and the suggestions made in these two meetings are followed, the year's program should go "over the goal posts." This is an important time of year for the society. Put your best into this meeting.

As the meeting is being prepared assignments should be made so that the officers and committee chairmen will bring to the meeting tentative plans for their committee's activities. Map them out even to month and date. Then have this meeting be a clearing house for these events and activities. Make sure the year's program is balanced with the proper amount of worship experiences and recreation events. Have some *special* devotional meetings, but not too many. Remember the first Sunday of each month is a good time for a consecration meeting. Allow time for missionary meetings. Give proper emphasis to service projects. Each committee and officer should have specific activity through the year.

SOCIETY ANALYSIS

1. How recently have you surveyed your society and community to check on membership? How could it be done now?

2. When have you had a meeting to help prepare devotional meetings? (Set a date now!)

3. What have you done for missionaries in the past six months?

4. What month did you last have a consecration meeting?

5. Where is your society money?

6. How many socials do you have and what do you do? What more could you do?

7. How could you help others to have a good time?

8. Are you helping or hindering your counsellor as he or she tries to help you?

9. Now what do you think of your society? Is it planning for success?

10. What will you do about it?

Aim of The Topic

1. To urge the organizing of a planned program for the year.

2. To emphasize the working of this plan.

What To Plan

Each officer and each committee chairman, (and possibly each member of these committees) should bring with him to this meeting a written list of proposed activities that involve his office. With much thought and prayer put into the making these reports should be quite complete.

The following suggestions should be included; if not, add them now:

The *President* should make note of the Consecration meetings on the first Sunday of each month. Business meetings should be held regularly, with special ones allowed for, such as election of officers, planning particular events, etc. He needs to secure notice from the committee chairmen as to the dates of their committee meetings. Perhaps these could be held in connection with the monthly business meeting, but at an earlier hour.

The *Vice-President* will need to make note of the president's schedule, so he can be on hand if the president is absent. Besides this, he usually occupies the position of the lookout chairman.

1. *What is the relationship of the president and vice-president?*
2. *Should the vice-president be a substitute for, or right hand man of, the president?*

There aren't many advanced plans either the *Corresponding* or *Recording Secretary* can make. Some societies have two separate offices and others combine them, depending upon the number of members. If these are separate, the recording secretary keeps a list of active members and takes the attendance at each gathering. The taking of minutes at all business meetings is important and of course attendance at all meetings, also. Anything that has to do with records comes under the responsibility of the recording secretary. The corresponding secretary handles all mail coming in and going out from the society. Notice of special events are sent by this officer and thank-you notes, requests, etc. The advance preparation that can be made by this important officer is plans for doing these jobs most efficiently and taking note of the business meetings, socials, and special meetings, to decide when sufficient notice would have to be sent. Following closely the roll call or attendance book, names of the inactive, sick, or for-some-reason absent members should be handed to the lookout chairman.

1. *How often should the secretary give the lookout chairman a list of names to be contacted?*
2. *Why is regular attendance of this officer so important?*

The *Treasurer* is very important, especially in an active group. Some advance planning for him is to study up on proper, simple, bookkeeping. If the society is not too large, the treasurer is probably finance chairman, too. If so, he should brin ideas of how money can be raised so th society will have sufficient funds to brin speakers occasionally; rent films; suppo church, missions, and benevolences; sen young people to conferences, etc. These su gestions should not be anything that woul not be approved by the local church or th Christian Endeavor Movement, or by th parents. There are many things that ca be done, which will train the young peo ple in project work, be fun, and bring i the money necessary. There is no purpos in building up a treasury unless it is use in worthwhile ways.

1. *Where should the society money b kept?*
2. *How should money be paid out?*

The *Devotional* or *Prayer Meeting Com mittee* appoints leaders for each meetin from two to three months in advance, an trains them. This is best done by meetin monthly with the four or five leaders, de votional committee, president, counselo and/or pastor to go over each topic mak ing suggestions, and helping prepare the meeting. All the topic material is pro vided by the chairman.

1. *Where can topic materials be found?*
2. *By what method should leaders be chosen?*

The *Lookout Committee* can make or break a society. They must plan in advance what system they will use to keep in contact with active members who tend to slip away occasionally Those who have attended at some time, regularly or otherwise, but become inactive must be followed up and their interest encouraged. New members are to be sought and invited.

1. *What are the ways in which young people can be interested and contacted?*
2. *Name a few young people to be invited for next week's meeting.*

The Missionary Committee is too often considered a name only, but it can, and should be, a busy team. Their plans must include some special missionary meetings with missionary speaker; films; discussion; the planning or making of a project for missionaries such as flannelgraph, mounting pictures, making scratch pads, etc.; and writing missionaries. This committee could

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Scripture Readings

M., Sept. 14. A Three Fold Goal. Micah 6:6
T., Sept. 15. Patience for Attainment. Heb. 12:1
W., Sept. 16. Temperate for Mastery. I Cor. 9:24-
T., Sept. 17. Striving Wisely. Matt 7:17-2
F., Sept. 18. Achieving by Faith. Matt. 21:18-
S., Sept. 19. The Goal Attained. II Tim. 4:6-
Sun., Sept. 20. Topic—Over the Goal Post. Phil. 3:1-1

A SEED THOUGHT

"Plan the work, work the plan; — and plan to work."

A Time To Learn

First Topic in a Series on "Back To School"
Luke 2:40-52

Intermediate

— SEPTEMBER 20 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

ur Aims

1. To see how youth-time is "learn-g time."
2. To learn how to make the best se of our time in school.
3. To heed Christ's call to learn only he best in life.

he Bible on Wisdom

The writer of Proverbs said, "How much etter is it to get wisdom than gold! Yea, get understanding is rather to be chosen an silver." (16:16). In Ecclesiastes 7:11 nd 12 we read, "Wisdom is as good as an heritance . . . for wisdom is a defense ven as money is a defense." In Ecclesiastes :26 we read, "To the man that pleaseth im God giveth wisdom, and knowledge, nd joy; but to the sinner he giveth travail." When God asked Solomon what he would esire he said, "I am but a little child" (1 Kings 3:7), "give thy servant an under-tanding heart" (9).

esus' Example of Learning

Luke 2:52 presents the finest, the most oncise and most complete statement in he Scriptures concerning the growth of a eautiful personality. It is descriptive of he symmetrical expansion of the four-fold ife. The Gospel which is based upon Jesus' ife and character is a Gospel—(1) of phy-ical health, (2) of intellectual strength, (3) of social service and action, and (4) of piritual redemption.

Jesus had no opportunity to attend high chool or college but He gained that basic ducation to which every Jewish boy was ntitled through the synagogue school in Nazareth, and through the instruction of a devout Jewish home. In the light of His times and conditions Jesus was in every sense an educated young man. He made the most of the opportunities available to Him. We must do the same if we are to meet the challenge of our times.

Opportunity Knocks Once

"Opportunity knocks once at every man's door." You have often heard these words. Have you therefore concluded that opportunity will some day knock at your door? Your conclusion is correct, provided you are willing to make the doorway inviting to opportunity. If you are willing, some day that door will open to you. If you are prepared you may enter in and start on the road called success.

"If you are prepared!" Preparation . . . where have we heard those words before? Oh, yes! We recall now. From childhood we have heard our parents, our teachers, even our kindly preacher, urge us to make thorough preparation for the years ahead.

"Well begun is half done." Most assuredly we do want to begin well. It is important therefore that we be well prepared for the task that will be assigned to us in life. Have you ever watched runners in a track meet? When they had crossed the line, "broken" the tape, been declared the winner, the crowd rose up to acclaim them as winners. You said, "What a fine athlete!" You forgot, for the moment, the years of preparation. Yes, you forgot that back of that fine athlete was a handicap that spelled defeat for many a lad. By careful planning, well-directed exercise, spent energy and discipline the runner is now the winner. The years of preparation have blossomed into a well-developed life to run in the race and to win. Too many of us look with envy at the runner and wish we were the winner. We forget the years of preparation.

The Football Team

You have watched the well-trained football team as the members rush through the signals just before the game. With quick movements they reveal the fine response they are making to the well-directed coaching of months. They have mastered the system of coaching by hard work. The touchdown comes not by mere accident but by successive marches up the field. Months of training have developed the winning team. Many factors have been marshalled together to give the winning stride, but let us not forget the long hours of preparation. Grinding hours of practice, restricted diet, sufficient rest, proper exercises, all of these prepare the players for that eventful moment . . . a touchdown. A well-planned career is bound to result well in that game called life.

"I Haven't Time"

During school days we could never bring ourselves to study on Sunday. Probably parental training to keep the Sabbath holy was too deeply ingrained into our thinking, or else our love for the church was insatiable. At any rate we went to church during high school, college and university days morning and evening each Sunday. Our class work suffered not at all. If anything, we were fresher on Monday and other days of the week because of the Sabbath holiday.

Today multitudes of students seem to think they must grind away at their books on Sunday. When church workers appeal to them to come to church and to participate in religious activities, the pet phrase, "I haven't time—gotta study," invariably creeps forth. Jesus looks upon the busy students in dormitory, in the library, in the classroom as they labor over their desks. He calls, "Follow me." Yet so many answer, "I haven't time."

There is a time to learn in our lives and in each week. Have you committed yourself to a wise schedule of learning?

What Kind of a Student Are You?

Have you met *Happy-go-Lucky Harry?* He is a kind of school-room space cadet. He has ability, but never tries to measure up to it. He spends most of his time dreaming about "other worlds." He gives only partial attention to the teacher, comes to class with no preparation, and is great at inventing excuses so that he will not have to work. His one obsession is to postpone doing "home work."

Maybe you have met up with *Worried Wilbur.* He is always studying. While honest and conscientious he doesn't seem to get along very well. He can't seem to organize his thoughts, his notes, his time, or anything else. He works hard but without organization of his time. So he is always worried over his grades.

We hope you know *Successful Sue.* She is no bookworm and participates in all the school's activities. She does take home books each afternoon and spends time after dinner in the evening to get her lessons before calling up Jane or having a date with Bob. She has learned to take notes regularly, to read accurately and to memorize quickly. When something is not clear to Sue she immediately goes to the teacher and tries to clear up her problem. She tries to keep her work up to date so that when the "big events" come up she is ready to enjoy them. She even read a book recently on "How to Study" and finds that she makes more progress than ever in her lessons. She is really happy to be in school and have its privileges.

Go on learning every day. Seek new ideas and learn how to evaluate them. Learn to enjoy life with Christ. Walking closely with Christ we shall learn from him. We gain the will of Christ and we enjoy true Christian growth.

ABOUT LEARNING

1. Why do most young people look to the day they can quit school?

2. Do we quit learning when we have finished high school or college or any kind of school experience?

3. Why does the Christian have an advantage in learning over the person who is not a Christian?

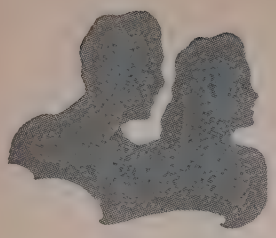
4. Discuss some of the problems which grow out of living with people.

5. What would you put on a score card for "What constitutes a good student?"

6. Let three Endeavorers pantomime the three types of pupils described in this topic and then discuss these attitudes.

From The Book of Books

M., Sept. 14. Study for Approval. II Tim. 2:15.
T., Sept. 15. Learning Wisdom. Prov. 2:1-9.
W., Sept. 16. Learning for Spiritual Development. II Peter 3:18.
T., Sept. 17. Learning Scripture for Salvation. II Tim. 3:15.
F., Sept. 18. First Things First. Matt. 6:26-33.
S., Sept. 19 Learning Brings Responsibility. James 3:13-18.
Sun., Sept. 20. Topic—A Time to Learn. Luke 2:40-52.



Senior-Young People

— SEPTEMBER 27 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Void If Detached

Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:24-25

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.

Study the Bible selections given.

Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

The year's program for your Christian Endeavor society, or Youth Fellowship, is just starting. A new set of goals should now be before the group, especially following the last two topics. The entire society program should be studied and evaluated. Take inventory of the successful achievements of the past, and note the important omissions. Then make up a definite set of goals, to include the entire scope of the society program for the year. Definite assignment of responsibility should be made for each goal, and a follow-up system of checking planned for. Now is the time to get started.

Among the most important of the goals are those pertaining to the devotional meetings. The leader of this meeting at this early day in the year's program should point this out. Begin now to more carefully assign leaders to the various topics. Check up immediately to ascertain if there are enough copies of *The Christian Endeavor World* coming to your officers and members and if subscriptions are up to date. Be sure that supplementary denominational or other topic materials will be forthcoming also. Give more time, thought, and prayer to the youth meetings. Perhaps the leader this week can lift the level of the entire devotional program.

As a good start, plan this meeting especially well. Try to point out the need for a vital relationship to Jesus Christ, for we must be "attached" to the source of life, or we be dead. Also emphasize the necessity for a practical harmonious relationship to our fellow men. This meeting can well include elements of evangelism, service, good citizenship, home relations, social life, and friendship. Emphasize the uselessness of a detached life.

Help From The Bible

M., Sept. 21. A Christian Community. Acts 4:32-35.

T., Sept. 22. Spiritual Brethren. Heb. 2:11-18.

W., Sept 23. Fellowship in Prayer. Matt. 18:19,20.

T., Sept. 24. Christ's Friendship. John 15:9-14.

F., Sept. 25. Fellowship with One Another. I John 1:5-7.

S., Sept. 26. Draw Near To God. Psalm 73:25-28.

Sun., Sept. 27. Topic—Void if Detached. Acts 2:42-47; Heb. 10:24-25.

Aim of The Topic

1. To point out the need for a complete commitment to Christ.
2. To learn how to better "belong" to your group.

"Not Good If Detached"

How often we see these words on tickets or business documents. They mean that some designated stub must be a valid part of the larger portion to be useful. If not attached, the remaining portion is "good for nothing" and can only be cast aside. The only solution for the holder of the ticket is to start all over by making a new purchase. A lamp with a new bulb will not give forth any light if it is not attached to an electric current. Plumbing equipment is useless if not attached to drain and supply pipes. A man in battle is not of value unless he is attached to a unit that is working together. A fruit or vegetable is not good very long after detached from the vine from which it receives life. It immediately begins to decline. It is the same with man. When he becomes detached from "the Vine" from which all life comes, he immediately begins to fade and die.

Attached To What?

What attachments are necessary to have a full life? There are numerous branches extended from "the Vine" that aid in Christian growth and life. Sunday school or Bible school is one of the first branches to have an effect on a young life. It is in the Sunday school that young people receive their basic Christian teaching. Here they sit and receive these lessons, either by lecture or by referring to the Word of God, and completing answers in work book fashion. No one is too old for Sunday school, as no one is too old to learn. Along with the early experiences of Sunday school, parents are a necessary source of religious education. Young people should be attending the local church service regularly by the time they reach the age of twelve or thirteen, or earlier. It is from this "branch" that inspirational and challenging teaching is received. Sermons cause them to want to go out of the church better than they entered it. The church gives its people spiritual food that is a "must" in keeping alive with Christ. Another branch for young people is Christian Endeavor. Here is the golden opportunity for youth to learn together and discuss together, an experience of expression. This is the chance to "talk back" and ask questions. In many cases Christian Endeavor is the only place where young people feel free to ask all types of questions, and discuss them together with their friends, pastor, or counsellor. All these (Sunday school, parents, church and Christian Endeavor), are branches that lead to "the Vine," or Source of Life, which is Christ.

Attached To Christ

All of us are related to two worlds, but the most important one is that which is unseen. Only one is worthy of lasting consideration. Any one who is not attached Christ is void, empty, or useless. Man useless if detached from his Creator, w made the life which is in him. Jesus Chr is the door to life, as He says in John 10 "I am the door: *by Me* if any man enter he shall be saved . . . ." Christ also teach very clearly in John 15:5, "for *witho me* ye can do nothing." "Not good if d tached" from Christ! The promise of pow strength, and hope comes from Philippia 4:13, "I can do all things *through Chr* which strengtheneth me." Be attached to t Creator, the Saviour, the Power, and Life itself by fully belonging to Him.

A SEED THOUGHT

"I am the Vine; ye are th branches—," said Jesus. Are w living, growing parts of Hi body?

Belonging To Your Group

Along with the teaching that one has n value if detached from the main sour goes another lesson. A sense of belongin to some one or some thing is helpful. A young people active in the Christian En deavor society, be enthusiastically attache to it. Take an active part by being in th center of activities whether it be worshi work, or play. When one puts his be into something, he receives the best i return.

It is of vital importance that a youn person be a part of his group, that he b "accepted"; he responds to a native urge t be one of "the gang." What attitudes o habits prevent this "belonging?"

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. List some things to which you are "attached" or belong.

2. Which of these things help you to "belong" to Christ, and which ones interfere?

3. To what should you be "attached," whereas you are not now "attached"?

4. What are the values of belonging to Sunday school? Church Christian Endeavor?

5. Is there any value to group friendship?

6. What could you be attached to that would be the wrong "ticket" or connection?

7. If one is not attached to at least some of the "branches" mentioned, what can happen?

8. What is more important: to be attached to the physical world or the spiritual world?

9. How can one be attached completely to Christ?

10. Can one be really useful if detached from Christ? If so, how?

earn To Say, "No, Thanks!"

Second Topic in a Series on "Back To School"
Daniel 3:10-18

Intermediate

— SEPTEMBER 27 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

r Aims

. To sense God's good gift to us of dy, mind and soul.
. To have the daring to keep the rity we see in youth of the Bible.
. To learn how to say "No" to sin d "Yes" to God.

o from the Crowd

God has given man a wonderful endowment, the gift of creative thinking. Such nking makes following the crowd impssible. Convention is a good thing when means that we learn to hold our spoon d fork, and handle our food in the adept y that our hostess does. But conven- n is a fatal thing when it means that we e in to the thinking of the masses.

"Join us and be like us" is the lethal rdict. Sadly enough, too many people e willing to conform to such a verdict. a result society is far from the high ndards of Jesus, and the Kingdom of od seems to be far, far away. To conform to become average, and to become aver- e is to satisfy one's self with mediocrity.

ome Ye Out From Among Them"

The words of the daring New Testament riter, Paul, were, "Come ye out from nong them." He spoke specifically to the mptation of conformity to the idol wor- ip of his own day. But the challenge to e entire church of Christendom is the me phrase, "Come ye out from among em" and "Be ye different from the rest."

Convention is sometimes a good thing. ut higher standards of living, finer ethical des in the world will be achieved only y those who dare to think creatively. hose who take their stand for higher des must hold this stand unflinchingly.

Paul's admonition, "Know ye not that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit hich is within you" makes us aware of he obligation that is ours. "What we are God's gift to us," but "what we make of urselves is our gift to him."

o Say "No" say "Yes"

We are increasingly certain that the hurch needs youth who dare to say "No." A demonstration to the world on the part f Christians who have convictions on right nd wrong will be the healthiest tonic that an impure world can take. The young people, who under Christ, will help to save this world from ruin and who hold out the only human promise for a happier age are those who dare to live clean.

Yet so many Christians want to live today according to the dictates of the world. Scores of letters come to our desk each year in quest of advice. So many testify to the despair that haunts the disturbed consciences of those who know that God is not mocked.

Many want to carry on their secret affairs; they plan to live dangerously. They laugh purity to scorn for a time, then comes the time when they weep bitterly; for few sins are visited with such destructive punishment as the furies which follow vice. Think of the physical consequences and of the battle now being waged against the most repulsive and loathsome diseases, which, as experts tell us, strike at least one out of every ten in our country, which may consume the flesh, destroy brain tissues and help to bring blind, misshapen children into the world. Even if some pride themselves that they can escape these things, they cannot run away from their own conscience.

It is true that Christ's code for chastity may appear uninteresting and austere. But it has been tested and proven to be the only one that brings lasting satisfactions. To be able to say "No" to the world comes only as we say "Yes" to Christ.

So take Christ for the help that His Spirit offers in resisting temptation and battling sin, for the strengthening of that guiding Spirit who whispers: "Fight for your purity; defend it at all costs!" The Saviour speaks in command and appeal: "Keep thyself pure! Fight all impurity by my strength and by my power!"

Approved Unto God

Thus it is that we study to make ourselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed; thus it is that we seek out the colleges and universities and places of advanced training to search out the truth as God would have us to find the truth; thus it is that we seek diligently to relate our Christian living to our work for the future. We believe, as Jesus said, that we who are followers of the Way, the Truth, and the Life are truly "the Salt of the Earth." We have bound ourselves to creative thinking for creative living that we may have the abundant life Jesus promised those who stepped up to accept it.

"Doing What Comes Naturally"

A few years ago there was a popular song hit entitled, "Doing What Comes Naturally." Words and music became familiar to thousands. There is behind these words an idea being accepted by many young people. It is at loggerheads with Christian standards and ideals and involves the denial of what the Church teaches. It suggests that we all have appetites, impulses, urges which are native to us. They do not have to be acquired, they do not have to be learned; they become instinctive.

The song title excuses us from any attempt at self-control. Contrast this idea with the Bible statement: "Enter ye in at the straight gate . . . because straight is the gate and narrow the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Also consider Paul's statement on running in a race.

Temptations to which we have to give answer.

Discuss how we can meet these modern day challenges to Christian youth:

1. The temptation to cheat at examination time.
2. When working with materials, to steal goods or equipment, to misrepresent goods.
3. To seek to gain recognition by exaggerating our part.
4. To gain the habit of smoking when our parents and teachers warn us of its ill effects.
5. To desecrate the Sabbath when we know Christ and the Church's commands.
6. To miss church services for popular events in school or the community.
7. To turn to places that sin prevails such as taverns and nightclubs.
8. To be careless in use of profane words and statements that hurt people.

Would You Be Ashamed:

—to have everybody know that you had participated in a wild high school party?

—that to keep your place on the team you had cheated in the last exam?

—that you had told your parents you were going to church and you went on a joy ride?

A Test:

Can You Follow Jesus?

1. Can you follow Jesus in resisting temptation? (Matt. 4:1-11)
2. Can you follow Jesus without turning back? (Luke 9:57-62)
3. Can you follow Jesus without dropping too far behind? (Mark 14:53-72)
4. Can you follow Jesus in settling disputes? (Matt. 18:15-22)
5. Can you follow Jesus in taking up his cross? (Matt. 16:24-27)
6. Can you follow Jesus in effective prayer? (Matt. 6:5-14)
7. Can you follow Jesus in humble service? (Matt. 23:1-12; John 13:12-17)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can you formulate standards for fitness based in the Christian teaching found in I Cor. 3:16, 17?

2. We have shorter working hours than ever and better working conditions. Yet we have more illnesses than ever. Explain this in the light of this topic.

3. When people know the effects of bad habits why do they not stop them?

4. As a project formulate a "Code for Clean Living." What should go into such a code? Why not spend some time making posters to illustrate the code?

Daily Bible Readings

M., Sept. 21. Moses Said, "No." Heb. 11:24-26.
T., Sept. 22. Daniel Said "No." Dan. 1:3-16.
W., Sept. 23. Jesus Said, "No." Matt. 4:1-11.
T., Sept. 24. John the Baptist: Total Abstainer. Luke 1:11-17.
F., Sept. 25. Our Bodies, God's Temples. I Cor. 6:19, 20.
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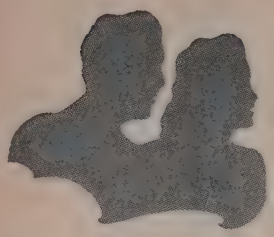

Senior-Young People

— OCTOBER 4 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

"This Is My Body"

(World-Wide Communion Sunday)

First Topic in a Series on "Our Church"

I Corinthians 11:23-34; Ephesians 4:4-6

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
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The month of October brings an emphasis upon the local church. A series of four topics, entitled "Our Church," will point out various phases of the program of the church. A particular emphasis should be placed upon the individual denominations and their principles. Throughout the series it will be necessary for the leaders to become more and more acquainted with their own denominational programs. The pastor should be consulted frequently and asked to help in the preparation and presentation of these topics. He will doubtless welcome the opportunity to interpret his youth group's place in their denominational pattern. Write to the headquarters of the denomination and to that of others, to secure materials and literature. This series can prepare your group to be a much finer corps of young churchmen.

Today is World-Wide Communion Sunday and during these twenty-four hours believers in Christ around the world will "break bread together." There is a wondrous unity and a magnificent brotherhood in the implications of this day. Bring the meaning of the day to the attention of the society and help them to feel a part of this world-wide unity as Christians. It is a day to emphasize ecumenical fellowship.

The topic itself, "This Is My Body," lends itself well to the purpose of the day. Try to make clear the meaning of Communion as practiced by your church and denomination. Bring out the significance of the world-wide unity in Christ. Help them to see the meaning of His words "This Is My Body" in relation to the Church itself. In short, by whatever means at your disposal, endeavor to make "Our Church" more meaningful to the Endeavorers. Help prepare them for membership, or to become better members.

A SEED THOUGHT

"It takes the united response and action of the Body to do the will of the Head."

Aim of The Topic

1. To better understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper.
2. To sense the basic brotherhood of Christians.
3. To see the Church as "the Body of Christ."

"Our Church"

This is a warm, friendly phrase, and it carries a world of meaning to every thinking Christian. But to every person it has a different meaning. Even to members of the same church and community there is a definite difference in understanding, attitude, and response. In general, however, the members of a congregation share the same broad beliefs and doctrines; they practice the external manifestations of their faith in much the same manner. These beliefs and practices are shared by those of their entire denomination, perhaps in many parts of the world. There are doctrines that are unique to each such denomination, and they are often a cherished heritage There are differences in the manner of worship. Especially there are differences in the matter of the sacraments, both in belief and practice. These differences should be noted, that one's own church be better understood. Then, in many ways more important, the *similarity* to other churches and denominations should be noted. We have more in common together than we have in difference.

"This Is My Body"

There are two meanings that may be studied in these words. When Jesus spoke them, He referred to the bread which was forever after to symbolize His body, "broken" on the cross of Calvary for all mankind. We use these words in our own Communion services, and they are deeply significant to us. They express a profound truth as we realize the great gift of love He has given to us, in that He gave His body, His life. Truly "greater love hath no man than this . . . " and this One is the Son of God!

A secondary meaning is Christ's other references to the Church as His Body. He is the divine Head, the Church is His earthly Body. Perhaps it brings a joy to His heart today to behold this Body, the believers, all bowing before Him "in unity." To see them all breaking bread in love and forgiveness, in repentance, and in at least one day of "brotherhood," is a step toward Christian unity. His prayer is being answered, but slowly. Sometimes He is able, if we can so imagine Him, to say with joy and satisfaction, *"This* is My Body," when we are more Christian than usual. But other times we surely must grieve His heart, a perhaps He says in disappointed tone wh we have been unfaithful, *"This* is Body."

Unity In Christ

There is being demonstrated today magnificent unity among the Churches Christ around the world, as we commu as one body. There is but one reason Our unity is in Christ. We differ in doctri and polity, in teaching and custom, in t sacraments and in theology. But we a united in Christ! Nothing can separate as we are thus bound together. A fami may differ among themselves, and quarr at times, but it presents a solid front t ward the world. Woe to the one wh attacks it as a unit, for it is instantly unifi and ready to act together. So with th Church. We differ in our *churches,* but w are *The Church,* united under the singl banner of the Son of God. "Like a might army moves the Church of God . . . ."

My Church Believes—"

Let's get acquainted with the teachin of our own Church and denomination, eve as we rejoice in our unity as Christians.

What does my Church believe and teac about each of the following:

1. The sacraments of the Church?
2. The meaning of the sacrament o the Lord's Supper?
3. The meaning of the Bread?
4. The meaning of the Cup?
5. The meaning of the phrase, "This Is My Body"?
6. Denominational loyalty?
7. Inter-denominational fellowship?
8. Inter-church co-operation?
9. The deity of Christ?
10. The way of Salvation?

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(World-Wide Communion Sunday)

First Topic in a Series on "Our Church"

Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; I Corinthians 11:24-34

Intermediate

— OCTOBER 4 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

ır Aims

1. To understand the meaning of is sacrament.
2. To appreciate the world-wide out- ach of the Church.
3. To keep our bodies clean and pure the spirit of the self-giving Christ.

amp Memories

Since we had to break camp after break- st, that Sunday morning was our last ne together. Even though it had been a ort camp we believed that we had grown fellowship and that the perfect way to nclude such an experience was to ob- rve the Lord's Supper in the early morn- g.

There by the lakeside, as we sang to- ther and talked of Jesus by Galilee, we ought not only of the distant shores of alilee, or of an upper room in Jerusalem, t also of the Christ who was present ith us on a cloudy June morning.

And indeed He was there. Especially did e think of Him as we broke the bread iat signified His broken body and as we rank, one by one, from the cup that gnified the blood He shed on the cross.

ı Ceremony to Repeat

Communion is one of the two sacraments bserved by most Protestant churches.

Communion, or the Lord's Supper, of ourse, was instituted by Jesus at the "Last upper," the night before His crucifixion.

Our Lord chose a private and quiet place ı which to celebrate this "last supper" ith His followers. There in the quiet nd sanctity of that Upper Room He dis- losed to them some very wonderful ruths.

Following Judas' exit the Saviour began o unfold to His own the new institution f the Lord's Supper. This Supper is one f the most important ordinances of the hristian Church.

In the first place, it is a *memorial* feast. t is *we* who remember Him, for He is resent in a very lovely sense at such remembrance of Him. "This do in re- nembrance of Me." Christ never ordained ny other memorial to be erected in His onor or to perpetuate His memory. This memorial consists of the eating of two things—bread and wine. The Bread is the symbol of His broken body. The body which was miraculously and sinlessly born, and in which He had lived for thirty-three wonderful years, was the holy vessel which was taken up to the cross and broken in death, thus allowing the precious life of Jesus to be poured out in sacrifice for our redemption. To eat this bread in remembrance of Him is to bear witness to the fact that we have been partakers of His life by faith.

The wine is the symbol of His life's blood. Since the aptest symbol of life is the blood—and blood shed on an altar is the symbol of sacrifice made—so the shed blood of Jesus Christ is the divine symbol of the life of the Lord Jesus given for us in sacrifice for our sins. When we drink the cup we bear witness to the fact that we have placed our personal faith in the shed blood of Christ for our redemption.

For many years after Jesus asked people to let bread and wine remind them of him, his followers made every meal a sort of sacrament. Then as the church became organized and strong its leaders made a very special ceremony in memory of Jesus' last supper so that people would never forget it.

So today we join the countless millions of Christians who have found strength to live more like Jesus as they have remembered Him during Communion or the Lord's Supper.

We Remember Today

There won't be one hour during World Communion Sunday when there won't be a great multitude of Christians in some part of the world partaking of the sacred emblems of Holy Communion. Many different races, languages, and religious communions will be present at His Table during the 24 hours.

Each Christian should be conscious of his spiritual oneness in Christ and the Church Universal as he assembles in worship and in communion. After all, we take the bread and the cup, not as isolated human beings, but as members of a world fellowship of Christians. Conscious of our spiritual solidarity in Christ, let us worship and commune together, and pray that Christians throughout the world may plan and work together by the power of the Holy Spirit to resist the evil that would engulf and destroy us.

We all like to have company. A ring of the doorbell says, "Here is some one who wants to remember you." One who beckons us to the door in the flesh is the Lord who extends a Spiritual call when he says:

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Holy Communion may be held at any time or any place where Christians are gathered together. We always like to think of Christians who heed the words of David and take counsel together and walk into the house of God in company. Something grows upon you as you gather in the quiet house of God. You share the gift of reverence which comes to earnest souls.

We Share a Vision

In the observance of the Lord's Supper we have the perfect blending of physical things and the vision of God. The bread and the wine are physical. In the first Supper they were simply leftovers from the meal. But whenever and wherever people of spiritual vision come to the table of the Lord and break bread together, something more than bread is there and something more than wine is seen.

Sinners may come to the table of the Lord for the redeeming power of the cross can cleanse the vilest of men. But those who "having ears hear not, and having eyes see not" desecrate the bread and the wine, for they fail to see the nail-pierced hands and the spear-rent side. They eat and drink and wipe their mouths but the vision splendid is not theirs.

Bread of the World

BREAD OF THE WORLD
Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the Soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Thy feast to us the token
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.

In Holy Communion Christians always are at the high place of togetherness with Christ. At the altar, the pretensions of the world disappear. Rank and wealth count for nothing. Together, the communicants ("neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, male nor female") come with one faith, one hope, and one love. There Christ touches us directly and personally with His presence and the binding power of His broken body and His shed blood.

QUESTIONS

1. Why do we observe Communion?

2. People have different beliefs about Communion. Many people believe that the bread and wine are symbols of Jesus' body and blood, sacrificed so that they will have an example of truly unselfish action. Many believe that Communion will purify or strengthen a person only if he tries to remember Jesus and prays for strength to follow Him. What do you think?

3. What do you like about Communion: The time for quiet thought? The music? The reverent atmosphere? The feeling that Jesus is near? Anything else?

4. What is the value in a day when worldwide Communion is observed?

5. Do all churches observe Communion? Why?

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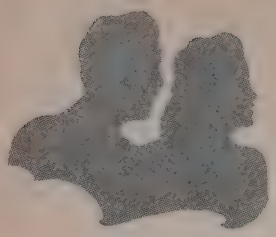

Senior-Young People

— OCTOBER 11 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

My Church's Colleges and Seminaries

Second Topic in a Series on "Our Church"
Proverbs 2:1-9; II Timothy 2:15-17

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It is not too early for young people to begin thinking and planning on what college or graduate school they would like to attend. The leader might either write, or assign members to write, individual schools so that catalogs, pictures, promotional leaflets, and information are available for the meeting. Denominational headquarters should be written for their advice and recommendations. Often film strips or moving pictures are available. Try to have graduates, students, or representatives from some of the schools discussed, allowing a period for open discussion. If these are not available for this particular date, at least arrange for some future date, so as not to permanently miss the opportunity.

Try to secure pennants and pictures of some of your schools to hang on the meeting room walls. Choose "teams" to represent these schools, and discuss their good and bad points, advantages and disadvantages, by teams in a fashion that will help young people make a choice. You may divide your group up into two or three sections, naming them after your leading schools to "compete" with each other, or alternate, in the discussion and participation. Think of some original ways to use this "school spirit" idea.

Aim of The Topic

1. To learn our church's position in the matter of higher education.
2. To become familiar with the various schools and seminaries maintained by our denomination; to study their advantages and requirements.
3. To consider the advantages of church-centered schools.

Scripture Readings

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Our Church

In this series we are seeking to look within our own church in order that we may more intelligently understand its program. Each individual denomination has its cherished ideals and aims. It is in these, in part, that we often find our deeper loyalties to the Kingdom. There are differences of administration and policy, as there are differences in educational standards and methods. These factors make our church what it is; it is these that we wish to study today. One of the distinguishing phases of most denominations is in their educational institutions. These are maintained in order to train the sons and daughters of that particular denomination for its further service. They are to provide wholesome atmosphere and high academic standards for the successful pursuit of an education.

Our Schools

Here is a portion of the topic tonight where the pastor or some adult leader will be needed. Perhaps the Director of Christian Education, the Superintendent of the Sunday school, or some other informed person, could attend and speak briefly on the schools that are maintained by the denomination in question. Consider the various colleges, preparatory schools, seminaries, or other specialized schools maintained by the denomination. Discuss them by name, making clear their purposes, the curriculum each one offers, the degrees awarded, their academic rating, etc. Name the seminaries particularly, and consider what they do in the way of training ministers, missionaries, and other church leaders. What is required for entrance, and what do they study? Why?

The Value of Our Schools

There are many benefits to a denomination in having its own schools for its youth. There are also many benefits for the young people in having church-sponsored or church-centered colleges to attend. It goes without saying that seminaries are an essential part of the denominational program and are of extreme value. Here again is a place for an authority on the subject to lend a hand. Perhaps it would be possible for the field representative of one or more of your schools to attend and speak. If not for this meeting, make an appointment for a date in the near future. The schools welcome this opportunity. It provides many new contacts for them, and it informs the denominational constituency regarding the particular institution and its needs. Why do you think your own schools are better for your needs, or for the purposes of your church, than others?

Why Church Schools?

This is an interesting question and is one that should be faced by every young person whether he plans to go to college or not. Plans change unexpectedly sometimes. One of the chief advantages of church-sponsored schools, especially colleges or prep schools, is the Christian environment that they can provide. That they do not always succeed is as regrettable as it unnecessary. High moral standards can l established and enforced, built on th Christian way of life. Through person counselling, chapel services, Christian e ample, specific courses, and by other mean students can be helped to maintain hig Christian standards.

Any Christian school, or one that remai true to its church sponsorship would r flect these advantages. Originally, all of th institutions of higher learning were th "children" of the Church, organized an operated by them. The church and th school went hand in hand. Discuss othe schools than those of your own denomina tion, and their benefits.

What Do Our Schools Offer?

Think of the particular advantages o attending the school of one's own denom ination. There will be opportunities t further study its doctrines and program There will be outstanding speakers an preachers coming to the campus. Countles friendships will be built up with youn people of that denomination, with whom work will be shared for many years to come. Especially is this true of those wh will follow full-time Church vocations Their associates in Churches, Boards Schools, Conventions, and denominationa programs will be longtime friends of schoo days. This builds for a greater solidarity and "esprit de corps."

"My Church Believes—"

Discuss together the teaching of your denominations on each of these subjects:

1. The need and desirability for higher education.
2. Church-sponsored schools. How many have you? Name them. Where are they located?
3. Denominational seminaries, as opposed to the large inter-denominational ones.
4. Financial assistance by the church or denomination to its students. Should such help be given to Seminary students?
5. What are the entrance requirements for each school? What is the scholastic rating?
6. What scholarships are available?
7. What are the costs? The opportunities for employment or self-help?
8. What kind of faculty is employed?
9. Is there a Christian atmosphere in these schools?
10. Would matriculation in one of these schools help or hinder one in being Christian? How would graduation help?

A SEED THOUGHT

God can use anything we give Him, but consecrated knowledge is better than consecrated ignorance.

My Church's
Colleges and Seminaries

Second Topic in a Series on "Our Church"
II Timothy 2:15-26

Intermediate

— OCTOBER 11 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aims

1. To see the necessity for church-related colleges and seminaries.

2. To see how denominational colleges keep alive the ideals of Christian character and scholarship.

3. To know where the colleges and seminaries of our own church are located.

Why Church Colleges Were Founded

The first colleges in America were established by the Church. For a considerable period of time thereafter the Church played a predominant part in higher education. Some of these early colleges had interesting regulations in an attempt to preserve their religious emphasis. One was established particularly for the sons of itinerant preachers whose work required extensive traveling away from home. "Having no father to govern and instruct them, they were exposed to a thousand temptations." This same school had among its rules, "We prohibit play in the strongest terms. The students should be indulged with nothing which the world calls play."

In spite of such regulations which are amusing in our time, the early church college was a powerful Christian influence in American life. Does the church college today have an equally distinctive role to play?

Discuss what marks a church college as different.

Education For Everybody

The unique feature of American higher education is that it offers opportunity to almost everybody, right in his own front yard at every variety of cost. Tens of thousands of young people are graduated every June who never would have seen a campus but for the hundreds of small, under-financed colleges with underpaid faculties and limited curricula, established and supported by church people. Visitors to the United States and Canada are amazed at the sheer number of American colleges.

Think About College Now

Many young people determine to go to college when they are in junior high school. Selecting the right college or university is a vital matter.

Are you asking questions such as:

Shall I go to a local college or to a university away from home?

Shall I go to a small college or shall I go directly to a university?

Shall I go to a co-educational university or to a girls' or boys' college?

Shall I go to a liberal arts college for a bachelor's degree before entering a professional school at a university?

Shall I go to a tax-supported college or university?

Selecting the right college or university shapes, in many ways, your whole life. Dr. Homer Rainey, former president of the University of Texas, describes it as comparable in importance to choosing a husband or wife.

Some young people choose a college in loyalty to the *alma mater* of their father and mother. Others choose a certain institution because friends are heading there or teachers recommend it. The impressions derived from a visit to a particular campus focus attention upon that college—favorably or unfavorably. Low tuition, low or high entrance requirements and scholastic standards, the presence or absence of fraternities or sororities, and athletic prestige are other factors that exert a tremendous influence on the choice of colleges.

We suggest that Christian young people should seek their education if at all possible in the church's colleges.

Character is Important

Our church colleges are supported by the denomination because character is as important as knowledge. These colleges are interested in teaching young people how to be Christian and in maintaining a kind of life which helps them to be Christian. Many of the large universities ignore religion and make little effort to maintain a religious atmosphere on the campus.

Do you think that every teacher in a Christian college ought to be a Christian?

Should he be as much interested in helping his students to be Christian as he is in helping them to understand geology or literature?

These Made Choices

A girl just out of high school was asked to attend a young people's summer conference. She agreed to attend the camp as a delegate. The experiences of the week opened up many avenues of need and opportunity to her. She gained a new outlook upon life. It was in the closing worship service, however, that the meaning of it all came directly to her. It came as God's call to Christian leadership, and she responded. How the call was to be fulfilled was an unsolved problem. She did not see how she could take the next step, which meant entering college. Her lifework was clear, nevertheless. She made the commitment and trusted God to open the way to preparation for the task. Today she is working on her graduate thesis in Christian education. Meantime, during her college years she has done some outstanding work among young people. Is she not a torch-bearer?

A young man desired to be a professional young people's worker in a local church. We said: "You will have to pay the price in preparation, for at the door of every church employing such a worker there are three others who seek the job." He gave up his position in a manufacturing company, went to college largely on faith, worked his way through and will soon receive his Ph.D. degree. He risked his job for a greater goal.

Consider the Ministry and Seminary

Many of our church colleges were organized to train men for the ministry. That was true of the first American college, Harvard. Today there are few young men in any of these colleges preparing for the ministry. In fact, very few of our best young people in our Christian Endeavor give the ministry much serious consideration as a possible lifework. Why is this? Do you think it is true that "every Christian young man should at least ask himself whether God wants him to enter the ministry"?

Steve attended a summer camp. He heard marvelous stories of what others are doing for Christ and the church. He found himself wondering if he ought not to give his life in service of other people through the Christian missionary program. For years his family had been lawyers. He would have a position as soon as he finished his college training. It was a great battle for him. How do you suppose it was won?

The ministry is great business. It is the biggest business on earth. The business of being a preacher is challenging because it is not an easy life, notwithstanding the flippant quips of those who don't know. The preacher's task is to make Christ known upon the earth. What greater business could one engage in?

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FOR DISCUSSION

1. Ask your pastor or counselor to describe campus life at one of the denominational colleges he knows.

2. Why did the church establish colleges?

3. What is the value of a Christian college?

4. Why should Junior High Schoolers begin to think about college now?

5. What colleges does your denomination support?

6. What seminaries does your denomination support?

7. What kind of training does a seminary give?

Lessons From The Bible

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Senior-Young People

— OCTOBER 18 —

Headlines Never Printed

(World Order Sunday)

Third Topic in a Series on "Our Church"
I Kings 5:1-12; I Corinthians 13

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

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The leader of this meeting has a wonderful opportunity of showing the society members that our attention is usually drawn to things of horror, fear, or evil by the daily headlines. Doubtless these things are put in headlines because that is what the public likes to see and will "buy." Either a week in advance, or by mail, or by spoken word, ask various members to take newspapers (each person for a different day) and cut out headlines, without their knowing why they are doing it. At the meeting have each one, or in small groups, sort them according to pleasant or disagreeable. See which one is more outstanding. If time allows, it would be interesting to have comic books brought in (or better yet; have the comics left home, and the titles copied out) and note whether the trend of thought here is pleasing or terrifying.

During this meeting, do not only point out what is being done or written, but decide what you as a group or an individual can do to help change this, even in your own small way. Discuss such things as CARE, CROP, Pen Pals. Goodwill, prayer, helping the needy, etc. Don't just discuss; make definite plans for at least one helpful project to be started at once.

Aim of The Topic

1. To point out how our minds are drawn to sensational headlines.
2. To strive to make "headlines never printed" attractive to youth.
3. To draw attention to the fact that "headlines never printed" are sometimes the most lasting and important of all.

"Our Church"

It is readily acknowledged that there are vast differences in belief and practice among the various denominations, and so in individual churches. But it is also evident that there is much shared in common by all. Perhaps one of the greatest headlines that we could read (probably forever unprinted!) would be "Churches in Complete Agreement." Without emphasizing the differences let us become acquainted with our own program. Think of the meaning of our denomination to each member. Consider the ideals our own church teaches in the matter of prejudice, or economic justice, or evangelism, or missions, or war and peace, or brotherhood, or race relations, or any of the matters of human relationship. One church emphasizes one responsibility, while another disputes it. What is the program of our church and denomination in these fields?

A SEED THOUGHT
"Little things console us because little things affect us."

"Our Program"

Seek out by a talk with your pastor just what is your denomination's program for World Order and in the matter of social responsibility. If, perchance, there is none, read over some denominational materials to find what is being done by others. Perhaps your society can be the ones to begin such a project. Some possibilities are: *CARE* packages, which provide food and other items for the needy in Europe; *CROP* (Christian Rural Overseas Program), which provides needed implements, stock, seeds, etc., for better agriculture abroad; "Operation Peep Peep," which sends hundreds of thousands of baby chicks overseas; the Christian Hebrew Program of sending milk to hungry children in Israel; buying and sending heifers to Europe; denominational rehabilitation programs, which help build churches and cities; and many others. Concentrate on learning about one particular field in which your church is interested; love it, practice it, and make it a part of your society program.

The Value of The "Unimportant"

Wars, murders, accidents, threats of Communism, and other disturbing headlines are spread across our newspapers and broadcast over radio and television. There is seldom any word, certainly not conspicuously, of the good things that are being done. One doesn't have the opportunity of reading about peace and love in the newspapers. What the churches and the Christians are doing for those who are less fortunate seldom is printed. Perhaps those who are responsible for these good deeds and acts of love are too humble to publish word of them; or when they do, the editors do not consider it important. Such things are often not considered important because the public, of which you are a part, does not deem it interesting reading. The minds today are too cluttered with undesirable things. Each one must do his part to seek news of faith, hope, and love, yea to *make* such news.

Headlines That Would Make The World Better

A young person who spends a great deal of time reading comic books, very often shows this in his actions of play or behavior. The same can be true of adults who read such headlines as are found today. Their train of thought, and their actions, won't go much above what is poured into their minds day after day from their reading.

What a wonderful effect it would have on the human race if headlines about things that are good, unselfish, gentle, and usually unpraised were read day after day.

Think for a minute of reading such headlines as: "Christ Discovered Alive Today," "Scores More Won To Christ," "Local Church Continues To Grow Rapidly," "Standing Room Only In Church Each Sunday," "Drinking Decreasing Daily," "Tobacco Companies Report Continued Loss Daily," "Peace Reigns Throughout The World," "Drug Traffic Now Completely Destroyed," "No Traffic Accidents This Week," "Drunken Drivers Now Unknown," "Gambling Eradicated From American Life," "More People In Church Last Week Than In Theater," "Evening Church Services Increasingly Popular." How much better a world we would have!

How Can We Help?

Friendship frontiers are ever before us. Think and work and pray for peace. Plan now to do at least one of the projects mentioned or discussed. Pray, individually and unitedly, for peace and for more loving and helpful deeds. Build good will today. Begin in your own group, and spread as far as possible. Have members of the local society write to "pen pals" in foreign countries, thus spreading goodwill and love. Perhaps by this project, some ways of helping that society, church, or needy ones they know, could be done. Continue to send *CARE* packages abroad. Prepare one as a Society project.

"My Church Believes—"

Getting acquainted with our beloved church and with its broader programs is one of the joys of the true Christian. Discuss together what one's own church and denomination teaches on the following subjects:

1. Our responsibility toward other Christians. Toward non-Christians. Toward our neighbors. Are we "our brother's keepers"?
2. Christian love.
3. The duties of patriotism.
4. Where our international help should be given.
5. The United Nations.
6. World Peace.
7. Christian Citizenship.
8. Race prejudice.
9. Building a better world. How?
10. The Bible as supreme authority for daily living.

Bible Readings

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T., Oct. 13. Widow Shares Last Food with Stranger. I Kings 17:8-16.
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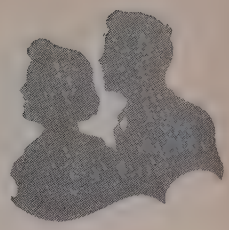
Third Topic in a Series on "Our Church"

Matthew 5:13-16

Intermediate



— OCTOBER 18 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

ur Aims

1. To appreciate the goals of World rder Sunday.
2. To help young people see the eed of sharing with underprivileged eoples.
3. To let our light shine through ood works.

oday's Main Street

We must live as world citizens today. he farthest place on the face of the lobe from any one of our homes is only xty hours away. Main Street no longer uns just through our town, but it con- nues to Hong Kong, Tunis, Rhodesia. 'aris and London. All over the world here are people desirous of the same ings to eat, security for their homes, atisfaction for their religious needs.

This "one world" of which we are a art compels us to recognize and act up- n the ways in which all men everywhere re alike. Similarities are fundamental; he differences are superficial and result rom diversities in climate, environment nd culture. As John Donne, the 18th entury English poet, said:

"No man is an island entire of itself; very man is a piece of the continent, a art of the main . . .
I am involved in all mankind;
And therefore never seem to know for whom the bell tolls — it tolls for thee."

We live in a physical neighborhood with capacity of committing suicide. With man ow possessing the atom bomb, unless the world becomes a spiritual community, it vill commit suicide. We have got to extend ur Main Streets around the world, taking Christ everywhere.

Worthy of Headlines

At the 1951 International Convention eld at Grand Rapids, Michigan, Dr. Frederick W. Cropp of the American Bible ociety displayed to the delegates a plaque nade by the Christian soldiers of Korea. The plaque was made of tin cans salvaged rom American Army dump heaps. It had een hammered into a design featuring the ross. Words of gratitude to American hurches for material and spiritual aid vere inscribed thereon.

Accompanying the plaque was a picture howing the roughly dressed soldiers who ad created this plaque. Indeed religion rosses boundary lines and calls all fol- owers of Christ to be done with narrow, elfish lives. It calls the followers of the Prince of Peace to promote peace among the nations.

A Background Hero

During the depression years of the 30's a young doctor and his bride were ready to go to Africa in mission service. But the Board of Missions secretary dictated a letter to this young medic and his consecrated wife that there was no money to send them. They were to try to find a church to serve here in the homeland.

In the mail after dictating this epistle came a letter from Colorado. Out fell a check for $500. A teacher wrote: "I have been saving this money for years but feel constrained tonight to send it to you. In another bank is $1,000 which is my life savings. Tomorrow I shall go to that bank and send my savings. I know you as a missionary secretary will be able to use this money for Christ's work."

The missions executive called in his secretary and humbly told her of his lack of faith. Then he cancelled his first letter and in turn wrote the young doctor, "Get ready to go to Africa."

Today in Africa there is a fine medical clinic serving thousands of African people —all because this school teacher back in Colorado was moved to give her life savings to the expansion of the Kingdom. Does your stewardship have this outreach?

A Sporting Spirit

Two young men, graduates of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, high schools this season, recently appeared before a committee to award a scholarship to a deserving student. Each of the young men had splendid scholarship records—tops in the senior class. Each had fine extra-curricular records. Each had been chosen for honors by his fellow students. Each was working at outside jobs to earn money for college, but only one could have the scholarship.

The one young man had saved through Saturday and out-of-school work enough money to see him through the first year of college. The other young man who had served as a laborer on the Pennsylvania Turnpike and had saved money for a similar future opportunity, had had to meet a family emergency, giving his savings to help the family. One boy could get started in college without help, while for the other lad it was the case of receiving the scholarship or no future training.

The Committee on Awards wished that they had two scholarships to give but there was only one. It went to the lad who had helped his family in an emergency. The other young man graciously accepted the decision knowing that if both could get started in college another year of training would be more assured. This is the typical American spirit of good sportsmanship.

On World Order Day Consider UN

The United Nations is proving itself an effective and efficient means of advancing the redemptive purposes of God among men. It has stilled the guns of war in many lands. It has been an agency of conciliation where wars might have broken out. It has fed millions of hungry children. It has approved and defended a declaration of rights. It has supported religious freedom everywhere. It has called an international convention on genocide. It has worked for better social and economic conditions. It has labored for a world order under law. It is the best institution we have for international, inter-racial, economic and political good in our modern world.

Someone could be asked to tell more about its activities.

A Project

Your denomination has a Board or Commission on Christian Social Action. Secure the address from your pastor and write for samples of materials issued on World Order, The Home, Alcohol Education and Economic Welfare.

BLESS GOD AMERICA

By Sophia A. Baker

"God bless America"
I hear so many sing;
When from the mountains,
The hills and vales should ring—
"Bless God—America!"
Lift your heart unto him
Dear Land of Liberty.
Bow down in his presence,
Acknowledge him your King,
Rely on him alone—
The victory to bring.
Bless God—America!
His praises daily sing,
Trust thou in him alone—
True happiness to bring.

Courtesy "Builders"

From The Book of Books

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THINK ON THESE

1. What gets into the headlines today?
2. Why does not more Christian news get into the headlines?
3. Does your church have a publicity director or someone who publicizes local news items?
4. Why do we have World Order Sunday?
5. Is the UN the hope for peace?
6. Tell of some worthy efforts to make the community more Christian that never get into the headlines.
7. What "good works" is your Christian Endeavor doing?
8. Relate your society to the community endeavors to meet the needs of people. Have you sent any clothing to the needy in Korea? Are you raising funds to provide cheer baskets for underprivileged families at Thanksgiving?

Senior-Young People

— OCTOBER 25 —

My Church Publishes The Good News

Fourth Topic in a Series on "Our Church"

I Thessalonians 1:5-10; Luke 1:1-4

Comments by Earle W. Gates

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This marks the fourth and last topic of a series on the general subject "Our Church." A better picture of one's own local church should be in the mind of each Endeavorer by now if these topics have been faithfully developed and discussed. Let the leader review these preceding topics to see if they have been given adequate emphasis. These are some of the most important topics of the year, both for our church and for our lives.

Today's topic, "My Church Publishes the Good News," is in reality a "double-barrelled" one. The major emphasis is to be on the publications of denominations and the spreading of the Gospel in print. For this part of the topic, have sample copies of all the denominational publications, *The Christian Endeavor World,* and any other periodicals you can secure. They are gladly provided without charge, on request. Order early. Point out the advantages of subscriptions in each home. Discuss the salient features of each paper. Plan to have the society order a sufficient number of subscriptions now. Help your church publish the Good News abroad.

Equally important in the emphasis of the day is that on the theme of Reformation Day, as this Sunday is designated each year. Don't fail to draw attention to the great debt we owe to the Reformation and its leaders, and to point up our responsibilities today. As Protestants we have a precious heritage. It is one that is maintained only by a constant vigilance, however, and by a constant devotion to its principles.

For Daily Devotions

M., Oct. 19. Messiah's Message. Isaiah 61:1-3.
T., Oct. 20. Bringing Glad Tidings. Isaiah 52:7-10.
W., Oct. 21. The Everlasting Gospel. Rev. 14: 6, 7.
T., Oct. 22. Preaching the Gospel. I Cor. 1: 17-25.
F., Oct. 23. Prayer Needed to Publish the Gospel. Eph. 6:18-22.
S., Oct. 24. Good News of Salvation. Titus 2:11-15.
Sun., Oct. 25. Topic—My Church Publishes the Good News. I Thess. 1:5-10; Luke 1:1-4. (Reformation Sunday)

Aim of The Topic

1. To become familiar with the publications of the denominations.
2. To recognize their value in the homes, the churches, the youth groups.
3. To see again the glory of the Reformation and to share in its high purposes.

Our Church

Throughout this month we have been looking into the heart of our church and denomination. New things have been learned, old truths have been re-established. Today the romantic story of the publishing of the Good News of the Gospel calls us. Each denominational "family" believes certain things and publishes them abroad through many media. Directly or indirectly, each church body has come forth from the Protestant Reformation, which reached its climax in the 16th Century, or from its fruits. In many ways, the leaders of the Reformation began the publication of the Good News. They included Martin Luther, (called by many "except for Jesus and St. Paul, the greatest man of the ages"), John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, John Knox, and a host of others. From which of these great Reformers has your church developed? Discuss together this question: "Is there anything unique in my church regarding our debt to the Reformation, or in the way of Christian publications?"

Our Publications

This is a matter for serious consideration. It will be interesting to list the various publications of your denomination. Point out the purposes of each one, and the constituency it reaches. Which should be in every home of that Church? Name also other papers or magazines than those issued by your own church which are used in your program. Which ones should the Christian Endeavor society receive regularly? It will help to have sample copies of several periodicals at the meeting. Compare them with other means of preaching the Gospel, as to effectiveness.

Why Read Church Publications?

Certainly with all the media of communication being used today to convey the news of the world about us, we should use the few available to convey the news of the Kingdom of God. The daily papers, the radio and television, and most magazines seem to "play down" the Church. Even more glaring is the unfair proportion between the Protestant and the Roman Catholic news in the majority of big city papers. Sometimes only a caricature of the Church and its motives are given. To compensate for this, every home should receive, and all its members read, some of the leading Church papers, both denominational and inter-denominational. Churches and Christian Endeavor groups should make them available through libraries, sample distribution, teaching, and subscription campaigns.

A SEED THOUGHT

The Reformation was a step toward the restoration of Primitive Christianity. Discuss.

The Reformation and My Church

Each church owes a debt greater than its ability to pay to the Reformation, as does our whole contemporary civilization. The world's history was changed and enriched by it. Our own denominations are the offspring of it. Discuss the origin of the denomination of which you are a part. What contribution did its founders make to the Reformation?

If there had been no such restoration of the Christian Church to its original purposes, we would be in a vastly different world today. We as Protestants believe in an open Bible, to be read by all believers. We live and are "justified" by faith. We believe in direct access to God in prayer and confession, without the necessary intercession of any man. We believe in the highest concept of democracy and equality the world has ever known. We offer full communion to every believer in Christ; belief, repentance, and trust are the only requirements. These things, and more, we believe as Protestants. We hold them to be self-evident, and the indisputable right for children of God. All these privileges have come to us because of the Reformation, and its courageous leaders of vision and purpose. Let us emphasize these things today. Let us go forth thanking God, living by their light, and sharing them with all.

"My Church Believes—"

Share a thoughtful discussion on these points, stating clearly what your denomination believes and teaches about:

1. The publications of the denomination.
2. Christian publications from other sources.
3. The meaning of the "Good News."
4. How to best publish abroad this "Good News."
5. The Protestant Reformation.
6. Your denomination's part in the Reformation.
7. Protestant attitude toward the Roman Catholic Church.
8. Marriage with Roman Catholics.
9. How to share the benefits of the Reformation.
10. Justification by faith.

My Church Publishes The Good News

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Isaiah 52:1-8

Intermediate

— OCTOBER 25 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aims

1. To discover that Christianity is a religion with a literature.
2. To see how the world can be enlightened with Christian literature.
3. To spread the "Good News" through the printed page.

The Gift of Printing

Five hundred years ago a man by the name of Johannes Gutenberg discovered how to print from movable type. Up to this time the only printing that had ever been done was from blocks of wood upon which the pictures and words to be reproduced had been tediously carved by hand. These blocks of wood were cut so that what was to be reproduced was left on the wood and the rest of the surface cut away so that the letters and pictures would stand out and could be painted with a watery ink. A sheet of paper was then laid on the block and pressure put upon it. Then the sheet was taken off the paper would have the impression of the letters and pictures carved in the wood. The Chinese had done printing by this method for several hundred years before Gutenberg's discovery, but it was always a slow, clumsy, and expensive way of reproducing writing. Books could be written by hand as fast about as well.

Gutenberg experimented with the principle of making each letter of the alphabet on a separate piece of metal. In this way the same set of letters could be used in different combinations for forming different words and could be used on different pages. Under the block method of printing, an entire page was carved on a single block and could be used only to reproduce that particular page. Gutenberg introduced a new principle that is the foundation of all modern printing. If it were not for the method of printing by movable type which Gutenberg introduced, the making of books would still be an expensive process, newspapers and magazines would be unknown, and we would probably be living in much the same kind of a world as that which existed five hundred years ago.

An Aid to the Reformation

The development of printing accompanied the Reformation. As the Protestant Reformation progressed religious books and pamphlets were produced in great numbers. The Bible appeared in the spoken language of the people and it could be read by the common man. Hymn books and prayer books in the language of the people were printed. By the beginning of the nineteenth century, church publishing houses were being established and church periodicals were soon appearing. During the last hundred years, every branch of the Church has been engaged in printing religious literature.

If something were to happen to suddenly deprive us of our religious literature we would be seriously handicapped and probably lose our way. We are more dependent upon the printed page than we at first realize.

Among the memorial postage stamps there is a Pulitzer stamp which has on it a quotation something like this: "Our republic and its press will rise or fall together." To a great extent that is also true of our Christian religion; a Bible-reading, Bible-studying, Bible-preaching, Bible-hearing people make for a strong Christian movement. The most loyal, dependable and useful people in our churches are the ones who read church literature.

No End

Seven thousand magazines are published in the United States. Some are printed weekly, some monthly and some quarterly. They are dedicated to every conceivable interest of people. There are hobby magazines about cats, about fish, and about stamps; guidance journals for parents, for children, for ministers; trade journals for embalmers, for jewelers and for labor unions.

Most middle-class homes subscribe to approximately one-half dozen magazines. These vary according to the taste of the members of the household. In rural homes there is bound to be a farm journal. In city homes there may be magazines on fashion and sophisticated subjects.

In every Christian home should not there be Christian literature? If the strength of a Christian's consecration may be judged by his cultivation of his Christian faith, then the determination to grow in the knowledge of Christ must be judged by the literature he reads. To find inspiration and help for holy living, Christian literature is needed. Alert Christians will not pile on their living room tables secular magazines with their load of smut and secularism without also providing at least an offsetting amount of periodical Christian reading.

The Christian press must rely on Bible-believing Christians for their support. Do you have literature of your church on your library table and are you reading the same? The world is ripe for great ideas, courageous action and the gospel of Christ.

Get Into Action

Does your Christian Endeavor spread the "good news"? What will happen tonight after your Christian Endeavor meeting? Some of the crowd will have to get home fast, you answer. There's always homework, you know. A few of the "gang" will go down to the fellowship hall and play ping-pong. Some will go for a ride in Bob's new convertible.

Wait a minute! That wasn't quite what we meant.

Let's put it this way: What happened tonight in your Christian Endeavor that never happened before? What happened, or is going to happen, only because your Endeavorers met together tonight for a meeting?

To put it bluntly, is the world going to be any different tomorrow because you held that Christian Endeavor meeting tonight?

It *isn't?*

Do you mean to say that there wasn't even one small point of action that you could put your finger on and say, "There! We did *that!*" If your meeting didn't result in some action planned or stimulus to action in personal living given then it was a failure. Before any Christian Endeavor or youth group discussion is ended the leader and group should consider, "What are we going to do about this?" By asking this question the first century Christians upset the world.

Boost Your Church Paper

Read these sentences carefully and then look for ways in which you can help increase the circulation of your own church paper:

1. It is a developer of interest in spiritual things.
2. It is an absolute essential for the family that wants to keep intelligent about church matters.
3. It will impart a spiritual character and quality to your home.
4. The value of the church paper is a testimony to your own interest in the church of Jesus Christ and the influence of this testimony in the hearts and lives of your children, your friends and those who share your hospitality from time to time.

Project

1. Display the literature of your denomination for all age groups. Ask your pastor or counselor to describe the periodicals and their use.

2. Develop a *Teens Press Club* to issue a paper for your Christian Endeavor or parish.

3. If your church is observing *Church Paper Week* this fall ask your pastor how you can aid in securing wider distribution of your denomination's periodicals.

4. This would be a good time to stress the value of *The Christian Endeavor World.* Have sample copies ready to distribute. Go through *THE WORLD* page by page and indicate its many valuable features. No loyal Christian Endeavorer can be without this valuable "trade paper" of our movement.

Scripture Lessons

, Oct. 19. Messiah's Message. Isa. 61:1- 3.
Oct. 20. Publishing the Truth Luke 1:1-4.
, Oct. 21. The Everlasting Gospel. Rev. 14:6,7.
Oct. 22. Preaching the Gospel. I Cor. 1:17-25.
Oct. 23. Prayer Needed to Publish the Gospel. Eph. 6:18-22.
Oct. 24. Good News of Salvation. Titus 2:11-15.
n., Oct. 25. Topic—My Church Publishes the Good News. Isa. 52:1-8. (Reformation Sunday)

INTERMEDIATE-Sept. 6

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Second, sensing the power of organization, labor sometimes oversteps its bounds and asks for more than an industry is able to bear.

Third, and most serious of all, labor, like capital, tends to lack social vision. Through direct association with organized labor many have been forced to conclude that with respect to social vision there is little to choose between capital and labor. Each is out after the "almighty dollar." Each holds its prejudices by virtue of circumstances and not by virtue of moral or Christian principles.

Rural Project Gains in Texas . . .

Gains have been reported in the Rural Community Project conducted by the Texas Christian Endeavor Union. A number of new societies have been organized. This work consists of forming union societies in areas where churches are small.

Kansas Gospel Team Active . . .

A Gospel Team of the Kansas Union has been active, presenting programs in many societies and churches. J. B. Shelton is chairman of the Gospel Teams with Charles E. Hadley, Jr. as superintendent of the Extension Department.

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TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6. **Jesus Was a Workman.**
John 9:4; Matt. 13:54-58

Sept. 13. **Jesus Worked for Others.**
John 13:1-17

Sept. 20. **Jesus Was Friendly.**
John 11:5-7, 18-22, 28-44.

Sept. 20. Jesus Is Our Example.
Hebrews 12:2; I Peter 2:21.

TOPICS FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 4. **My Life Is Different.**
Acts 16:12-15.

Oct. 11. **My Home Is Different.**
John 4:46-53.

Oct. 18. **My Community Is Different.**
Romans 13.

Oct. 25. **I Want to Serve My People.**
Luke 10:1-20.

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INSTALLATION — Arch J. McQuilkin, former vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, presents a Bible and gavel to Joan Riffel at recent ceremony of the Philadelphia (Pa.) Intermediate Union. This marks the second time Joan is serving as president of the Quaker City High Schoolers.

SENIOR-YOUNG PEOPLE-Sept. 13

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The Lookout Committee "looks" in three directions. They look *out* for new members and encourage their attendance; look *in* to their present membership, keeping them attending regularly; and look *up* to God for direction and guidance.

The Missionary Committee is responsible for securing occasional missionary speakers or movies or conducting meetings of a missionary atmosphere. They should suggest ways of being missionaries at home, and organize missionary projects to help the foreign or domestic field.

The Recreation Committee is responsible for the social activities of the group, which should be properly spaced and varied. The standards of the home, church and of the Christian Endeavor Movement should be observed and followed.

Appoint or select these workers wisely that Christ's work among youth may be done as He would have it done. Plan to use the Christian Endeavor pledge in your society. Secure the best materials possible. Write the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio, for further information.

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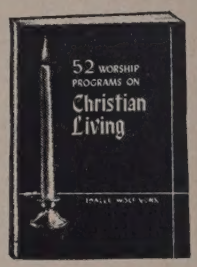

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NIOR-YOUNG PEOPLE-Sept. 20

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) organize the correspondence between local society and foreign groups, which much encouraged today. Set up this tem of "pen pals." (Write the Interional Society for names.)

1. *What is the most helpful thing this committee can do?*
2. *How could you go about securing the names of foreign societies?*

The *Recreation* or *Social Committee* ns the recreation and sporting events. oid getting into "a rut" of a few choices. ve one, possibly two, a month. Bring v ideas, and encourage suggestions. Some sibilities depending on the season are: mming, bicycling, picnicking, bowling, ler or ice skating, skiing, taffy pull, asure or scavenger hunt, hiking, game ht, croquet, cooking "class," and many ers.

1. *Why should activities be held that will interest all?*
2. *When is the best time to have devotions at a Christian Endeavor social?*

There are other Committees used in ger societies, such as: *Finance,* as menned under treasurer; *Sunshine,* which ds greetings and gifts to the sick; *Transrtation,* which secures cars or reservans for special trips; *Music,* which has cial music for meetings, such as vocal instrumental numbers, new songs or ruses; *Junior or Primary,* which helps younger societies in the absence of nsellors or for special projects; *Pastor's l,* which helps the Pastor and Church in ny ways; and others.

1. *In what order, according to importance, should these be added?*

The Counsellor has many tasks and uld bring his plans, also. He must ke note of all events, and should be eful not to do the work, but rather ck on those responsible, and see that done. He is always to be ready to e a helping hand in discussions during otional meetings, make newcomers welne, and at all times keep control of the up. Business meetings, socials, and projs need his attendance and help. He is : "power behind the throne."

1. *What can the members do to help the counsellor?*
2. *What should the members expect from the counsellor?*

ork Your Plan

Needless to say plans are worthless unss they materialize. After planning this gram, choosing the dates, and if posle, organizing the committee responsible; ke sure this event is carried out. This ponsibility falls into the hands of three ople: the one left in charge, the presint, or the counsellor. Make final plans g in advance. Publicize as much as the nt calls for. Invite others when possible.

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INTERMEDIATE-OCT. 11

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Projects

1. Write to the colleges of your denomination nearest to your church and ask for catalogs and literature. Place such about the room and allow time for the members to look them over.

2. Ask an alumnus of a denomination college to lead your group in a discussion on *"Why Christian Colleges are best for church young people."* Your pastor may be glad to tell also of what training in one of the church's seminaries involves.

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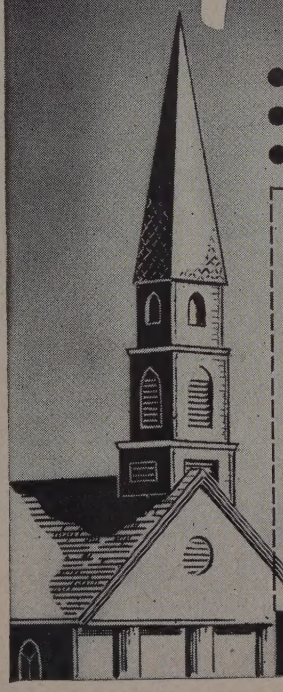

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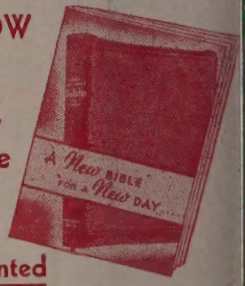

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